6th Annual Baku Summer Energy School
July 7-20, 2012

In partnership with
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR)

Program Description

Held and organized by the Caspian Center for Energy and Environment (CCEE) of Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (ADA) in partnership with the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) at the Crescent Beach Hotel on July 7-20, 2012, the 6th Baku Summer Energy School examined a wide range of issues, such as fundamentals of energy, energy law, revenue and resource management, economics and politics of energy and environmental impacts.

A special focus of the program was the Caspian Basin, including regional pipeline network development, geopolitics of the Caspian Sea, its legal status and environmental issues, as well as the Southern Gas Corridor including NABUCCO and TAP.

Interactive in its format, the Baku Summer Energy School provides an extensive opportunity for professionals in the field of energy to socialize and build long-lasting ties.

International Body of Participants and Scholars

The 6th BSES gathered forty participants from seventeen countries. The participants were middle and senior level policy makers, energy company representatives, academic faculty members, journalists and young researchers focusing on energy, as well as representatives of regional and international organizations.

Extra-Curricular Activities

While learning at the Baku Summer Energy School, participants enjoyed the Baku summer by the shore of the legendary Caspian Sea. Living close to the
sea, in the Shikhov seaside (Hotel “Crescent Beach”) provided an excellent and very relaxed atmosphere while the shuttle bus service was provided to take the participants to the city center area twice a day.

During the weekends, the participants were taken out for excursions to various regions of Azerbaijan, including unique sites connected to Azerbaijan’s oil and gas industry of the past and present. These were the Bibi Heybat oil fields, the Sangachal oil terminal, petro cliffs of Gobustan, mud volcanoes, and the visit to Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy.

Student Testimonials

Joseph Hammond, USA
“I think for me it helped to fill in the areas that was lacking about my energy knowledge. I enjoyed the program very much and I believe it was helpful with its formal and as well as its informal sessions to know this region and Caspian energy politics better”.

Yulias Kubliaskas, Lithuania
“It was especially interesting to learn the region and the people better. We have had lecture starting from oil extraction ending to the political and economical aspects of it. We have found answers to most of our questions in this program”.

Marko Soldic, Norway
“This program is amazing. We have had a fruitful two weeks here. We have had the lectures here in a very systematic form and the approach to the different aspects of energy was very well planed”.