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Industrial Development Organization

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On the 50th anniversary of UNIDO

Dear Li Yong!

First of all I cordially congratulate you on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of your esteemed organization.

There is a rich tradition of cooperation between Azerbaijan Republic and UNIDO. "Memorandum on cooperation in the field of industrial development" that was signed in 2000 being the first document of that kind between parties had created favourable conditions for future cooperation.

"The framework program on Cooperation for 2005-2010" that was signed between Azerbaijan and Organization in 2005 and "Framework cooperation program between UNIDO and the Government of Azerbaijan for 2014-2018" have considerably contributed to the promotion of our relations to the high level of development in the past 10 years.

It is not accidental that different projects of UNIDO have been successfully carried out in our country and many significant events have been jointly organized by UNIDO and Ministry of Economy. For example, Regional conference on industrial parks held in Baku in 2012, Baku International Industry Conference on "Industrialization in the 21st century: Trends, approaches and best practices in industrial policy" held on 26-27 November 2014 and the first meeting of the regional project "Fostering inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the New Silk Road Economic Belt: Leveraging potentials of industrial parks, zones and cities in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan" held on 4-5 May 2016 created opportunities for deliberation of current issues of industrial development both at international and regional levels.

Considering your significant contribution to the development of our cooperation I would like to express my confidence that relationship between UNIDO and Azerbaijan will continue to successfully develop in the future.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I renew my congratulation and express best wishes of success to you and your organization.

Respectfully,
Shahin Mustafayev
Minister