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### German-Azerbaijani collaboration to deepen in the medical tourism sector

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On 10 April 2018, the German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK Azerbaijan) held the **German-Azerbaijani Business Forum on "Medical Tourism"** in the Hyatt Conference Centre, Baku.

The Business Forum was organised on the occasion of the visit of Berlin clinics specialised in cardiology, neurosurgery and oncology in cooperation with the Berlin Partner for Business and Technology GmbH.

The event was officially opened by the Executive Director of AHK Azerbaijan, Mr. Tobias Baumann. After the briefing on the event, Economic Attaché of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mrs. Heike Möckel mentioned opportunities for cooperation between Germany and Azerbaijan in the medical tourism sector and Germany's readiness for passing on its knowledge and expertise to the Azerbaijani counterparts. The Board Member of AHK Azerbaijan and Director of Sahhat clinic, Mr. Malik Karimov made a speech on Germany's support to Azerbaijan in the health system and joint projects and SES (Senior Expert Services) implemented with German companies.

Following the official opening of the Forum, Director of Public Health and Reforms Center of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Jeyhun Mammadov informed the participants about the current reforms, state programmes and future projects implemented in the medical tourism sector in Azerbaijan. Afterwards, the Chairman of Azerbaijan Health and Thermal Tourism Support Association, Mr. Ruslan Guliyev presented opportunities for German-Azerbaijani collaboration in medical tourism.

The Forum, attended by more than 100 participants from local and German companies, was followed by the presentation of the German delegation, delivering information about the activities of German clinics and medical institutions as well as the implementation of digital technologies in health and medical tourism. At the end of the event, B2B meetings were held between the German and Azerbaijani companies involved in the medical tourism sector.

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