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JOCAP CELEBRATES ITS 1ST ANNIVERSARY

On August 1, 2019, an event dedicated to the **first anniversary of JOCAP** as the operator of the Absheron gas condensate field on the shelf of the Caspian Sea was held on the 22nd floor at the **Landmark Hotel**.

During the event, the director of the JOCAP operating company **Bruno Herves** spoke about the achievements of the company and the work done over the year, expressed great pride that they carried out such a large project.

Also at the evening, where all the JOCAP employees were present, they presented a video showing Absheron fields in the Azerbaijani sector of the Caspian.

After the official part of the event, in order to have an unforgettable corporate evening for their company, catering was provided to JOCAP employees by the Landmark Hotel.

It should be noted that the operating company **Joint Operating Company Absheron Petroleum (JOCAP)** has become the operator of the project for developing the Absheron field in the Azerbaijani sector of the Caspian Sea from the 2nd quarter of 2018.

JOCAP is a non-profit joint venture of **SOCAR** (State Oil Company of Azerbaijan) and **TOTAL**, created on an equal footing (50% / 50%). An agreement on exploration, development and shared distribution of production at the Absheron offshore block was signed in 2009.



FAREWELL RECEPTION IN HONOR OF H.E. MME. AURELIA BOUCHEZ



On September 3, Azerbaijan-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIAF) organized a farewell reception at the Landmark Hotel in honor of **H.E. Mme. Aurelia Bouchez**, Ambassador of France to Azerbaijan, with the support of its Board Member – Total. The reception was attended by representatives of French Embassy, CEOs and managers of local, international and French companies - members of the CCIAF.

The event started with the speech of **Mrs. Narmina Safarova**, Managing Director of the CCIAF. She greeted the guests and delivered her gratitude to the Ambassador for her contribution to the activities of the Chamber as well as the development of business relations between Azerbaijan and France. Following the welcoming remarks, H.E. Mme. Aurelia Bouchez expressed her satisfaction with the successful development of bilateral relations in

economic, agricultural, energy and cultural fields and highlighted the role of the Chamber in development of business relations between the two countries.

Next, **Mrs. Teyba Gouliyeva**, Chair of CCIAF and **Mr. Denis Lemarchal**, Vice-Chair and Executive Director of "Total E&P Azerbaijan" expressed their appreciation for the support of Her Excellency Mme. Aurelia Bouchez and wished the Ambassador all the best and success in her future endeavors.

Aurelia Bouchez in turn thanked everyone for their support during her work at the French Embassy, by emphasizing that Baku is a key partner of Paris in the South Caucasus, and this city has become her second home, where she will certainly return several times.



MEXICAN PIANIST PERFORMS A CONCERT AT LANDMARK



Mexican pianist **Jesus Lepe Rico** visited Baku with concert programs.

One of the pianist's concerts, supported by the **Mexican Embassy in Azerbaijan**, took place on September 3rd on the 22nd floor of the **Landmark Hotel**.

Mexican Ambassador to Azerbaijan **Rodrigo Labardini** also attended the event. The diplomat noted that this is not the first and far from the last contact of the residents of **Azerbaijan with Mexican culture**.

"The concert presented by maestro Lepe is a symbol of the rapprochement between the two peoples and the strengthening of cultural ties," R. Labardini emphasized.

The concert featured works of **Bach, Beethoven, Chopin,**

as well as world-class Mexican composers such as **Ricardo Castro** and **Belisario de Jesus Garcia de la Garza**.

The Baku public greeted the maestro very warmly and gave him a standing ovation.

It should be noted that for the first time the pianist performed a concert in Baku in November last year.

Jesus Lepe Rico was born in Tampico, Tamaulipas. He received his musical education at the Autonomous University of Tamaulipas and the University of Veracruz. He performed as a solo artist on various stages of Mexico. He is the founder and CEO of the International Papantle Piano Festival.



MYSTERIOUS LAND OF MYANMAR

On September 9th, the next meeting of the **Travelers Club** was held at **Landmark Rotunda-1**.

This time, the guests of the meeting with the deputy head of the **European Union's** mission to Azerbaijan, traveler **Denis Daniilidis** discussed the trip to the mystical country of **Myanmar**, formerly known as Burma.

D. Daniilidis shared his impressions of this amazingly beautiful country, which is famous for its ancient traditions and attractions. The beautiful nature, preserved there in its original form, did not leave the traveler indifferent, and he spoke with special admiration about this corner of the world practically unknown to tourists.

"Myanmar is an extraordinary collection of ancient values and cultural heritage. I was very lucky to visit this amazing country," said Denis Daniilidis.

At the event, a lot of videos and photos were shown, as well as books and other documents from the mystical country of Myanmar.

Myanmar is a state in Southeast Asia, located in the western part of the Indochina Peninsula. A country of natural beauty combining an incredible variety of landscapes, as well as an extremely rich culture. It brings together a large number of ethnic groups with their religions, languages , and traditions. The Republic of Myanmar is a multi-ethnic country and has more than one hundred nationalities.



BALTIC FREEDOM WAY



On September 11, a reception was held at the **Rotunda Roof** in Landmark to mark the **30th anniversary of the Baltic Freedom Way**. The reception was held by the embassies of **Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania**.

The reception was attended by ambassadors of foreign countries in Azerbaijan, officials, scientists, and cultural figures, public figures, and others.

During the event, there was a presentation of a documentary film dedicated to the Baltic Freedom Way.

The **Baltic Freedom Way** is a peaceful action in the Baltic republics of the USSR held on August 23, 1989.

Residents of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia made a live chain more than 600 kilometers long from Vilnius through Riga to Tallinn (up to two million people, that is, about 25% of the population of the three Baltic republics at that time). The action was timed to the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. This peaceful political demonstration drew the attention of the whole world to the occupation of the Baltic countries and demonstrated unity and determination in their efforts to restore freedom and independence.

The Baltic Way was listed in the **Guinness Book of Records** as the longest human chain in history.



"MAIDEN TOWER. TO BE A WOMAN" FESTIVAL

"Maiden Tower. To Be a Woman" festival of contemporary art with the support of the **EU Delegation** started in Azerbaijan.

In this regard, a press conference was held at the **Rotunda Jazz Club** on September 11, during which the project organizers noted that the theme of the festival is related to the **100th anniversary** of the liberation of Azerbaijani women and emphasizes the role of women in Azerbaijani society and around the world.

"The Maiden Tower. To Be a Woman" festival, which will be held in Baku, will help draw attention to such an important topic as women's rights," said the head of the EU delegation to Azerbaijan, Ambassador **Kestutis Jankauskas**.

In turn, the author of the idea of the festival, Honored Artist of Azerbaijan **Sabina Shikhlinskaya** stated that the festival program is very rich. According to her, over 10 days the public will be presented various exhibitions, art events, film screenings, masterclasses and much more. She emphasized that in preparation for the festival, the organizers emphasized a non-standard approach to the issue of gender equality.



The event is held to use contemporary art and other forms of creativity to help strengthen the role of women, both in Azerbaijani society and around the world.

The organizer of the festival is the **United Cultures company**.

"Maiden Tower. To Be a Woman" is the third festival sponsored by the Delegation of the European Union in Azerbaijan. Spreading European and universal values, the festival complements the list of the festival of European tolerance "Imagine" and the festival of cultural heritage "Fantaziya".

NATIONAL DAY OF MEXICO

On September 13, the **Mexican Embassy** in Azerbaijan celebrated its country's **Independence Day** at **Rotunda Roof** in Landmark. At the event, the national anthems of Mexico and Azerbaijan were first played, then the Ambassador of Mexico, **Rodrigo Labardini**, spoke. Rodrigo Labardini delivered a speech in the Azerbaijani language, which caused public delight, and indicated that relations between **Mexico** and **Azerbaijan** are developing steadily.

"Four years. My wife and I have been living in this amazing country for four years. Over the years, we have learned a lot about the Azerbaijani people, its culture and history. Our countries and peoples have much in common, despite such a distance. We are very hardworking and in spite of any difficulties we are only going forward" - said the ambassador.

Speaking about Azerbaijani-Mexican relations, R. Labardini emphasized their ongoing development. At the same time, he noted that cooperation in the field of oil production is the main link between the states. He informed that over the years the diplomatic mission has been operating, the trade turnover between the two countries has increased by more than 10 times. The diplomat emphasized significant growth in bilateral tourism: 9 percent increase in tourist flow from Mexico to Azerbaijan, and a 20 percent increase in tourist flow from Azerbaijan to Mexico.



After the ambassador's speech, the bell rang, R. Labardini raised the Mexican flag and shouted out welcoming words: "**Long live the Heroes of the nation!**", "**Long live the Republic!**". The guests of the reception echoed him: "**Viva!**".

Mexican Independence Day is always very magnificent and the reception in Baku was no exception. The evening continued with Mexican music, national dishes and drinks. The reception was attended by officials, MPs of the Milli Majlis, scientists and cultural figures, ambassadors of foreign countries in Azerbaijan, and public figures.

Editor-in-chief of "Baku" magazine, Vice president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation and Head of the representative office of the Foundation in Russia **Leyla Aliyeva** also came to congratulate Mexico on Independence Day.



ART EXHIBITION BY DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN AZERBAIJAN



An art exhibition by the diplomatic mission in Azerbaijan has opened in Baku.

As part of the “**Maiden Tower. To Be a Woman**” contemporary art festival, the opening of an exhibition of works by artists from **Argentina, Latvia, and Mexico** took place at **The Landmark Rotunda**.

Each of the artists, working in different media, presented art on the topic of gender equality and, thus, demonstrated how the concept is defined and understood in such different places. The exhibition also indicates the high relevance of the topic of gender equality and puts Azerbaijan in the same international narrative.

Speaking at the event, the author of the festival’s idea, Honored Artist of Azerbaijan **Sabina Shikhlinskaya**, noted that this exhibition, organized by the diplomatic mission in Azerbaijan, has a significant role in the framework of the “Maiden Tower. To Be a Woman” festival. After all, the event is held with the aim of using

modern art in order to help strengthen the role of women, both in Azerbaijani society and around the world.

Then the guests of the evening got acquainted with the exposition, which included works performed in different techniques. In their works, the authors depicted their vision on the topic of gender inequality.



NATIONAL DAY OF CHILE



On September 20, on the 22nd floor of the **Landmark Hotel**, the Chilean Embassy in Azerbaijan organized an official reception on the occasion of the country's national holiday - **Chilean Independence Day**.

At first, the national anthems of Azerbaijan and Chile were played.

Speaking at the reception, the Chilean ambassador to Azerbaijan, **Gabriel Hara**, spoke about the development path of his country and the great progress it has achieved.

Speaking about the relations between our countries, the diplomat emphasized that a lot of work has been done in the short period after the opening of the Chilean embassy in Azerbaijan: mutual visits, meetings, and high-level talks create favorable conditions for the development of bilateral relations, and he also noted that he will make every effort for further development of cooperation between the two countries.

Gunduz Jafarov, Ambassador Extraordinary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, congratulated

the Chilean people on behalf of the Government of Azerbaijan on a significant day. He stressed that relations between the two countries are developing in the political, economic, cultural and many other areas.

On this festive evening, guests were presented with a delicious buffet consisting of dishes and snacks of Chilean national cuisine, as well as various drinks.

The reception was attended by officials, deputies of the Milli Majlis, scientists and cultural figures, ambassadors of foreign countries in Azerbaijan, and representatives of the public.

Note that **September 18** is the **National Day of Chile** - a very significant holiday for residents.

On September 18, 1810, the First Government Junta was created, which was to govern the country after the resignation and imprisonment of the Spanish King Ferdinand VII, initiated by Napoleon Bonaparte. This was the first step towards independence and also led to the start of the Chilean war of independence.

GREEK CONCERT AT LANDMARK

In Baku, in the framework of the "**Maiden Tower. To Be a Woman**" festival of contemporary art, the **Rotunda Jazz Club** hosted an unforgettable musical evening - a concert by **Eleni & Souzana Vougioukli**, two sisters from Greece.

Eleni and Souzana Vougioukli sang songs in a duet, solo and a cappella in twenty languages of the world - in Greek, English, Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Romanian, Turkish, Arabic, Bulgarian, Serbian, etc. Also, these compositions were presented on guitar and piano in various musical genres - classical, blues, jazz, pop, etc., in folklore and improvisations.

The culmination of the evening was a performance with Azerbaijani musicians. Especially, such compositions as "**Getma, getma, gal gozal yar**" from the repertoire of the legendary **Shovket Alekperova**.

The performance of the artists was accompanied by ovation throughout the evening; at the end, the standing people welcomed talented musicians from Greece.

Representation of the **European Union** in Azerbaijan together with the embassies of the EU member states and local partners organize "Maiden Tower. To Be a Woman" project. **Denis Danilidis**, the first adviser to the European Union's representative office in Azerbaijan, and **Paola Casagrande**, head of **United Cultures**, noted the importance of the project to further build cultural bridges between the countries. The festival aims at reflecting through the prism of contemporary art thoughts and ideas regarding issues of gender equality, as well as the importance of strengthening the role of women in the world community.



CA' FOSCARÍ SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

26-29 SEPTEMBER 2019



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CA' FOSCARÍ SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
Baku, 1st edition

Baku hosts the **Ca' Foscari Short Film Festival** organized by the **Ca' Foscari University of Venice Office in Baku** and **United Cultures**.

In the framework of the festival, which lasted from 26 September to 29 September, **The Landmark CineClub** held a screening of short films. On 28 September, the spectators watched the films "Primavera de Fernanda" (Brazil), "Lalo's House" (USA), "Akif" (Turkey), "Bastard" (Azerbaijan), "Dirty Little Rascals" (United Kingdom), "The Great Imogene "(USA). And on 29 September, the Landmark Cineclub held the screening of such films as "Tochka Bifurkatsii - Bifurcation Point" (Russia), "San Miguel" (USA / Mexico), "Rùqīn zhě - The Intruder" (China), "Raheel" (Iran), "My Garmon" (Azerbaijan), "Love will Save the World" (Azerbaijan), "Dhachka" (India), "Shou Esmak - What's your Name" (Lebanon), "NIĀO ÉR WÈI N LÁI - Weeping Birds" (Malaysia), "Sa Among Agwat" (Philippines), "Die letzten Kinder im Paradies - The Last Children in Paradise" (Germany), "Hope" (Azerbaijan).

The **Ca' Foscari Short Film Festival** (SFF; known as Lo Short in Italian) is an international short film festival launched at **Ca' Foscari University of Venice in 2011**, the first European event of its kind organized and managed by university students.

Under the guidance of a team of experts and professors,

students plan and oversee every aspect of the festival, from selecting the films to managing national and international press coverage, and from preparing the catalog to coordinating event logistics.

For each edition of the festival, 30 short films created by film school students from all around the world are selected and submitted to a qualified jury that includes members of the international film scene.

The SFF was opened by **Maria Roberta Novielli**, an Associate Professor at Ca' Foscari University who teaches the history of cinema, photography and criticism who has been the festival's General Manager and, since 2013, Artistic Director. In addition, the group of 30 international films that competed in the festival this year was being expanded to include a selection of short films directed by Azerbaijani film students in order to help give their work an increased visibility.

The festival is organized by Ca' Foscari University of Venice Office in Baku and United Cultures, with the support of the Ministry of Culture, European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan, Embassy of Italy in Baku, Landmark, Nizami Cinema Center, ADA University, Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts and DokuBaku.

MEMORIES OF PAVAROTTI

On September 28, the **Landmark Rotunda-1** hosted the grandiose music show "**Memories of Pavarotti**" by the Italian tenor, a wonderful opera singer **Paolo Levantino**.

The concert program consisted of the music familiar to the whole world, from the most famous operas by **Luciano Pavarotti**. Paolo Levantino presented the audience with the best achievements of the opera genre and instantly captivated the audience.

This unforgettable musical night recreated an amazing atmosphere and immersed the audience in the ingenious work of the legendary Luciano Pavarotti, who had a global impact on world culture and raised the art of opera singing to the highest pedestal.

The voice of Levantino won the hearts of the Baku public, and the audience did not want to part with a talented opera singer - the audience applauded the Italian tenor while standing. The event became a vivid memory of Italy and Italian music.

Paolo Levantino is a famous contemporary Italian opera singer, rewarded with medal **«Honour. Glory. Labour»**, IV Degree, at the beginning of his career had a great opportunity to study and be close to the great maestro of all times Luciano Pavarotti.



DOKUBAKU INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL



DokuBaku International Documentary Film Festival will be held from October 2nd to October 6th this year for the 3rd time. DokuBaku was created by **Imam Hasanov** and **Veronika Janatkova**.

The International Film Festival brings the best documentaries from different parts of the world to Baku. DokuBaku will show both short (up to 40 minutes) and full-length (over 60 minutes) hybrid and creative documentaries. Annually festival covers extensive topics (Testing reality 2017, Intersection 2018) and this year DokuBaku choose "**Truthfulness**" as its main theme. The topic's condition is to show the difficulties of an increasingly polarized world view and finding the points of intersection of fragmented societies.

As every year, this year's DokuBaku program will include 15 full-length and 15 short international and local documentaries. Films will be provided to viewers with English and Azerbaijani subtitles.

The partners of DokuBaku IDFF are the non-profit cultural union **Goethe-Institut**, **EU Delegation to Azerbaijan**, **The Landmark Hotel Baku** and **United Cultures**.

We present the program of films screening in the framework of the DokuBaku, which will be held at **The Landmark Hotel Baku**.

October 2

17:00 PARIAH DOG

October 3

16:30 MAMACITA

October 4

16:00 HUMAN / SWEET TEA / MOTHERLESS / GREEN

October 5

14:30 IN BETWEEN / CASTING / APART

October 6

13:00 ONCE UPON A TIME IN SHANGHAI / SAVE SALAAM MAHALLA / THEY WHISPER BUT SOMETIMES SCREAM

BAKU JAZZ FESTIVAL

Baku Jazz Festival is a celebration of music and a forum, which will include areas such as education (seminars, workshops), contests (young talents International Baku Jazz Competition "I am Jazzman!"), art and photo exhibitions, jam sessions, jazz film days and jazz concerts with the participation of the best artists of the jazz world.

The festival will be held for ten days from **October 18 to 27**.

We present the program of events in the framework of the Baku Jazz Festival,
which will be held at **The Landmark Hotel Baku**.

Friday, October 18

20:00 PHOTO EXHIBITION BY MIRCEA ALBUTIU (Romania) – Rotunda Jazz Club

21:00 FREEDOMS TRIO (Norway, Brasil, Mozambique) – Rotunda Jazz Club

23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Saturday, October 19

12:00 I AM JAZZMAN (Competition part II / Free Entrance) – Rotunda Jazz Club

16:00 JAZZ FILM (Presented by Ulvi Mehdi) – CineClub / Landmark

19:00 MASAA (Germany, Lebanon) – Rotunda Jazz Club

21:00 GIUSEPPE MILLACI VOGUE TRIO (Italy, Belgium) – Rotunda Jazz Club

23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club



Upcoming events

Sunday, October 20

- 12:00 I AM JAZZMAN (Competition part III / Free Entrance) – Rotunda Jazz Club
15:00 WORKSHOP BY GIUSEPPE MILLACI TRIO (Italy, Belgium) – Rotunda
16:00 JAZZ FILM (Presented by Ulvi Mehdi) – CineClub / Landmark
19:00 JULIE ERIKSEN QUARTET (France) – Rotunda Jazz Club
21:00 ERCUMENT ORKUT TRIO (Turkey) – Rotunda Jazz Club
23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Monday, October 21

- 15:00 SEMINAR BY VIRGIL MIHAIU (Romania) – Rotunda
19:00 KRZYSZTOF KOBYLINSKI (Poland) – Rotunda Jazz Club
21:00 ARON TALAS TRIO (Hungary) – Rotunda Jazz Club
23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Tuesday, October 22

- 23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Wednesday, October 23

- 19:00 NILS BERG & MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC (Sweden) – Rotunda Jazz Club
21:00 KIRKE KARJA TRIO (Estonia) – Rotunda Jazz Club
23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Thursday, October 24

- 19:00 AFGAN RASUL TRIO (Azerbaijan) – Rotunda Jazz Club
21:00 ELBEY MAMEDZADEH QUARTET ft. ANDREY K (Azerbaijan, Russia) – Rotunda Jazz Club
23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Friday, October 25

- 21:00 AFSHIN ALIZADEH QUINTET (Azerbaijan) – Rotunda Jazz Club
23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Saturday, October 26

- 16:00 JAZZ FILM (Presented by Ulvi Mehdi) – CineClub / Landmark
19:00 CLARE PARSONS & ERAN HAR EVEN (Luxemburg) – Rotunda Jazz Club
21:00 TURAL RAPHAEL & SULTAN HUSEYN (Azerbaijan) – Rotunda Jazz Club
23:00 JAM SESSION – Rotunda Jazz Club

Sunday, October 27

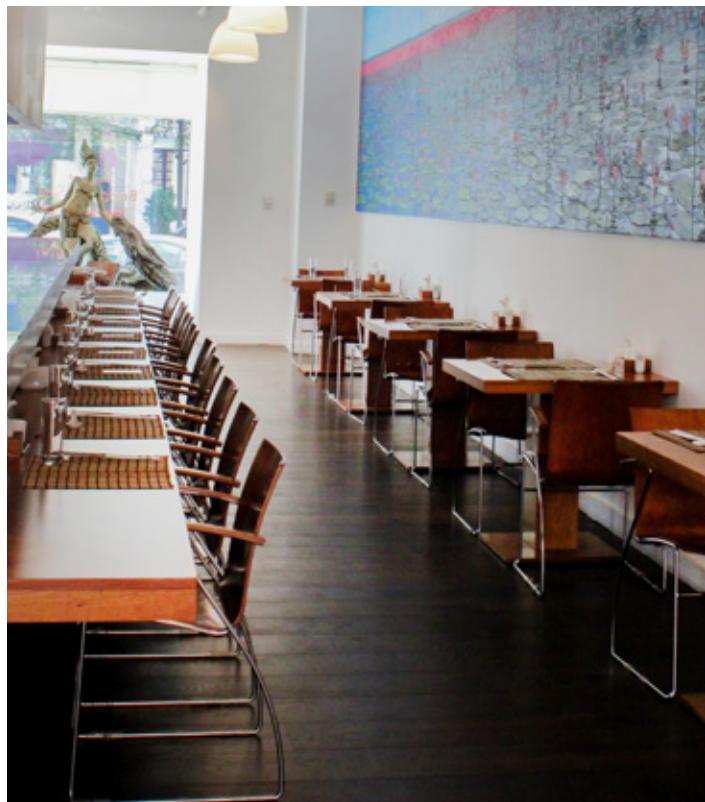
- 16:00 JAZZ FILM (Presented by Ulvi Mehdi) – CineClub / Landmark
20:00 TOFIQ JABBAROV & BAKUBA BAND (Azerbaijan) – Rotunda Jazz Club



"Bangkok Noi" restaurant is an authentic Thai restaurant, a corner of Thailand in the very center of Baku with delicious Thai food. Thailand is famous for its hospitality, and at Bangkok Noi you will feel it! Everything is done here to make each guest feel comfort, coziness and taste.

The restaurant is open on weekdays from 11:30 to 15:00.

Bangkok Noi is located on the ground floor of The Landmark Center II.



THAI SOUP TOM YUM KUNG

Tom Yum - spicy and sour soup with shrimp, fish or other seafood. The national dish of Thailand. Also this soup is eaten in neighboring countries: Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

Instructions:

In hot water, add tom yum paste, mushrooms, tomatoes, seafood and leave to cook for 5 minutes. After we add fish sauce, lemon juice and sugar, we wait a couple more minutes for complete preparation. Serve the soup by adding coriander and green onions to the plate.

Ingredients:

- Water - 6 cups
- Shrimp - 8 to 10 medium (or 6 to 7 large)
- Squid - 8 to 10 medium
- Fish sauce - 1 or 2 tablespoons
- Tom Yum paste - 1 or 2 tablespoons
- Mushrooms (optional) - 1 cup
- Tomatoes (sliced in quarter) - 1 cup
- Limes, juice only - 2
- Green onions, chopped - 1/2 bunch
- Fresh coriander - 1/3 cup
- Sugar - to taste

TRAINING SESSION FROM IVAN BACHURIN



President of the Sommelier Association of Ukraine held a training session at **Landmark**.

Ivan Bachurin, Moët Hennessy's brand ambassador in the CIS and vineyard owner, president of the Sommelier Association of Ukraine held a training for the staff of the Landmark hotel restaurants.

The training was dedicated to the varieties of Scotch whiskey **Glenmorangie**.

Landmark invited Bachurin to discuss current trends in the beverage industry and share his knowledge and experience with hotel bartenders. This meeting brought discoveries, knowledge, and experience to Landmark employees.

At the end of the training, tasting of various types of Glenmorangie whiskey took place. All types of whiskey of this brand have a golden color and a sweetish aroma.

It should be noted that Ivan Bachurin began his career back in 1999 as a bartender, and already in 2008, he became vice-champion in the Ukrainian sommelier competition and the winner of blind tasting at the wine-makers sommelier competition.



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