

## **Inauguration of the "Heydar Aliyev Water Supply" Project in Pakistan**

Inauguration of the “Heydar Aliyev Water Supply” Project, a project built with the joint support of Azerbaijan’s First Lady, President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mehriban Aliyeva and the Agency for Support to International Development acting under the Foreign Ministry of Azerbaijan, took place in the Tank region of Pakistan’s Dera Ismail Khan area (area of tribes) on the occasion of the 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary of national leader Heydar Aliyev.

The ceremony was attended by former deputy chairperson of the Pakistani parliament, member of the Azerbaijan-Pakistan Interparliamentary Friendship group Feysal Karim Kundi, representatives of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa’s provincial government, deputies of the provincial assembly, elders of the surrounding villages and media representatives.

Feysal Karim Kundi highly appreciated the actions regularly taken by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in Pakistan’s economically poor region suffering from terror, and thanked Foundation’s President Mehriban Aliyeva. He said the “Heydar Aliyev Water Supply” Project was a significant support for residents of a region suffering from drinking water shortage.

Azerbaijan’s Ambassador to Pakistan Dashgyn Shikarov talked of the relations between the two peoples. Mentioning that the event took place on the eve of the 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary of national leader Heydar Aliyev, the Ambassador talked about the life and activity of the national leader. The diplomat talked of the series of humanitarian programs implemented in various provinces of Pakistan, following the initiative of Mehriban Aliyeva, in the fields of public health and education.

Over 150 tons of water will be produced daily from a 700-metre deep well within the framework of the “Heydar Aliyev Water Supply” Project. Comprised of water reserve, an uninterrupted power plant and a water distribution system, the “Heydar Aliyev Water Supply” Project will provide 40 thousand people living in this region with drinkable water.