

## **High Level Capacity Building Visit to Azerbaijan Baku, 5-6 October**

IHB Director Mustafa Iptes paid a high level Capacity Building visit to Baku, Azerbaijan on 5 and 6 October 2016.

In the first part of his programme, Director Iptes visited the Azerbaijan Navy Headquarters and called on Captain Shahin Mammadov, Chief of Staff of the Azerbaijan Naval Forces. He presented the activities of the IHO and underlined the importance of hydrography and hydrographic services to any coastal State and discussed the benefits of becoming a Member State of the IHO. Director Iptes also visited the Azerbaijan Navigation and Cartography Department of the Ministry of Defense and had a meeting with Commander Davud Baghirli, the Hydrographer of Azerbaijan, during his visit.

In the second part of the programme, Director Iptes visited the Azerbaijan State Maritime Administration where he met Captain Shahlar Mammadov, Deputy Head of the State Maritime Administration. Director Iptes was informed that Azerbaijan, as a maritime State in the Caspian Sea region, is actively considering becoming a member of the IHO and has a positive desire to join the IHO in the near future.



Director Iptes and Captain Shahlar Mammadov, Deputy Head of the State Maritime Administration.