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**THE BIG CITY OF THE CENTRAL ARAN ECONOMIC-  
 GEOGRAPHIC REGION – MINGACHEVIR**

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The city of Mingachevir received the status of a city on November 11, 1948, and on February 4, 1954, it was transferred to the category of a subordinate city of the republic. The city of Mingachevir is located on the banks of the Kura River. The city borders Mingachevir Reservoir from the north, and Yevlakh district from the east, south and west.

If we look at its etymology, there are different opinions about how the toponym «Mingachevir» came about. According to history, a battle between the Roman general Pompey and the Albanian king Oroiz took place here in the 1st century BC. According to historians, Oroiz's troops waited for Pompey's troops in the area of this dam. Oroiz divided part of his army into separate mangas, kept them in reserve, and ordered them when necessary with the words «shoot the manga». In addition, there is a possibility that it is related to the name of the Arab general Manichohr, who was sent to Azerbaijan to suppress the Elkhan movement. One of the possibilities is that the toponym is «Min, come, turn». They even created a legend among local residents with this name. Among these researches, the opinion of prominent Oriental scholar Ziya Bunyadov is more interesting. He associated this name with the name of Minkichavir al-Fargani, who opposed the Caliphate in Azerbaijan in 839.

According to Professor Tofiq Hajiyev, the «Mik» tribe of Albanians is a continuation of the ancient Mak tribe unity. The word "Mik" is a phonetic variant of the word «Mak» and the original was probably in the form of «Ming». Tofiq Hajiyev showed the «minni» variant of the word «manna» as «mingi» and noted that the name «Mingachevir» was formed from the combination of the tribal names «minki» and «savir» (Minkisavir, Minkicavir, Mingachevir).

Mingachevir Chavir from the Ming Dynasty means «chakir» and «eagle». Research shows that «Min» (Ming), the first component of the word Mingachevir, is the name of one of the clans that lived in the city of Fergana. Prominent Turkologist V.V. Radlov writes that Ming is a Turkic tribe living in the south of Samarkand. In conclusion, let us note that although the Oghuz group of Azerbaijan is considered Turkic languages, it also contains a majority of Kipchaks. In addition to these Turkic tribes, Khazarians, Karlugs, and even Pechenegs from other Turkic tribes have lived here since their ancestors. One of the interesting facts is that although the Min// Ming tribe are of Kipchak descent, their dialects have disappeared due to the fact that they were surrounded by the Oghuzs.

Mingachevir is a young industrial city created after the Second World War. The growth and development of the city is connected with the construction of electric energy, machine building, petrochemical, chemical, as well as light and food products industrial facilities established here. Mingachevir is located 323 km from the city of Baku, 17 km from the Baku-Tbilisi railway. Geographically, the city is located in the center of the republic on both banks of the Kura River. Mingachevir Reservoir is located 3 km northwest of the city. The territory of Mingachevir city is 130 km<sup>2</sup>, the population according to the 2021 census is 106,430 people and 20,740 internally displaced people. According to the 2018 census, 50.5% of the population are men and 49.5% are women. 98.05% of the local population are Azerbaijanis, 1.95% are representatives of about 15 nationalities.

The city of Mingachevir also plays a major role in the formation of the socio-economic development strategy of the region. Like other regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the city of Mingachevir is in the new stages of its development. This development, which was founded by the great leader Heydar Aliyev, is successfully continued by the President of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief. For the last 10 years, an increase in the following macroeconomic indicators has been observed in the city of Mingachevir:

- General product production increased by 28.5%, agricultural production by 42.3%, retail trade turnover by 2.3 times, and the volume of paid indicators shown to the population by 5.5 times.

- The average salary has increased 5.4 times, the average amount of pensioners has increased 5.8 times.

- The total area of the Housing Fund has increased by 17.4%, individual houses with a total area of 68.3 thousand m<sup>2</sup> have been commissioned.

- Residential areas equipped with water, gas, sewage systems increased by 17, 17.7 and 16.6%, respectively.

- 10,773 new jobs were opened, 9,979 of which were permanent.

- In the last 10 years, a new school building was built, 4 school buildings were repaired and the number of general educational institutions increased by 10%.

Like other regions of Azerbaijan, the Heydar Aliyev Center was established and a Youth House was opened for the purpose of studying the life and activities of the Great Leader Heydar Aliyev, who paid attention and care to the high development of Mingachevir, as well as the rich heritage of statehood. «Kur» Olympic Education and Sports Center was opened in Mingachevir, and later it was thoroughly renovated. New tourist facilities, hotels, recreation centers were created. Even new production and processing enterprises were opened in Mingachevir. Thus, «Kür» electronic equipment production LLC is specialized in computer production.

Year after year, new industrial enterprises and new infrastructures are created in Azerbaijan. This means an increased energy demand. As we know, the city of Mingachevir is the main energy center of Azerbaijan. In 1970-1980, high energy potential was created in Azerbaijan. The largest of them is «Azerbaijan IES» located in Mingachevir. This power plant has 8 blocks and each block produces 300 MW of power. In the last few years, some of the blocks have been repaired and the power of

the station has increased slightly. «Azerbaijan IES» is the largest industrial enterprise located in Mingachevir. It is the largest power plant in the South Caucasus.

At the same time, the largest Hydroelectric Power Station in Azerbaijan is «Mingachevir SES». Varvara HPP is located 18 km below the Mingachevie HPP, and this HPP has the capacity to store about 2 billion m<sup>3</sup> of water. There are 2 large power stations and 4 power substations in the city. Also, «Regional Electricity Network» which includes 9 districts is located in Mingachevir. This network serves the electricity consumption of Yevlax, Goychay, Goranboy, Agdash, Barda, Tarter, Ujar, Agsu and Gabala regions. In addition to the Thermal Power Station and HPP, «Azerkabel» and «Izolit» OJSC regional electrotechnical enterprises, «Shushe-lifi», «Techniki-razin» chemical and petrochemical enterprises and «Regenerat» OJSC operate in the city of Mingachevir, machine-building enterprises. «Azyolneftmash» and «Machine repair» JSC, light industrial enterprises «Tokhucu» JSC and «Nur» sewing factory, food industry enterprises «Meat processing and baking» enterprises and other industrial products production areas are located.

Mingachevir State University, Mingachevir Tourism College and Mingachevir Medical College operate in Mingachevir city. Also in Mingachevir there are Technical Humanities Lyceum named after national hero Ruslan Muradov and Mingachevir City Natural Mathematics and Humanities Oriented High School.

MTV-Mingachevir Television and Radio Company and Alvin Channel Television also operate in Mingachevir.

Local and foreign tourists who come to Mingachevir are also interested in ancient historical monuments and examples of material culture in the city. Mingachevir History Museum is one of the places that attract tourists to the city and create an impression about the city. The museum operating in the new building presents about 15,000 exhibits that reflect the ancient history of the area where Mingachevir is located. Based on the building material, construction and composition of the temples, which have a simple and ancient architectural style, historians note that their construction dates back to the 6th century. Currently, there are 27 cultural institutions in Mingachevir, including 16 libraries, 3 museums, art galleries and 9 monuments.

## **ECONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS OF ECOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENT OF PRODUCTION IN AZERBAIJAN**

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In the concept of modern economic-geographic research, the fundamental analysis factors of globalized economic-ecological processes based on scientific-practical bases have a special political-economic position. As a result of the research, it was determined that the economic-geographic apparatus and sustainable analysis of the typological structure of the system of regional conceptual development and