Minister of Education Jeyhun Bayramov took part in a video conference of Education Ministers of ISESCO member states.

ISESCO Secretary-General Salim bin Mohammed Al-Malik, Ministers of Education of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Egypt, Morocco and other countries, UNESCO Deputy Secretary-General for Education Affairs Stefania Ciannini, Director for Education and Skills of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Andreas Schleicher also participated in the video conference. The main topic of the video conference was the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and the adaptation of the education system to the current reality.

In his speech, Jeyhun Bayramov informed the participants of the video conference about the steps taken to ensure a continuousness of education in our country during the pandemic. The Minister spoke about the successful results of the "Virtual School" project, the largest online platform in the country, created in a short time to ensure the transition to distance education, and said that teachers are involved in training to take full advantage of this platform.

The Minister of Education noted that as part of other steps taken by the ministry, TV lessons were launched on March 11. Lessons covering 10 subjects for all grades are broadcast 5 times a week on 2 TV channels of the country. The TV lessons are then posted for free use on the <u>video.edu.az</u> portal of the Ministry of Education. During the conference, it was emphasized that the Azerbaijani state pays tuition fees for about 22,000 students who are members of socially vulnerable families.

Noting that the Ministry of Education attaches great importance to cooperation with ISESCO in the field of education, Jeyhun Bayramov reminded the participants of the video conference that the Republic of Azerbaijan has allocated a total of 40 educational grants for citizens of the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

As a result of the video conference, ISESCO launched the Comprehensive Humanitarian Coalition initiative, and the Azerbaijani side expressed support for the initiative. In the end, the declaration was adopted.