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Having warmly welcomed its guests, Education Minister, Misir Mardanov noted the mutual relationship between Azerbaijan and Turkey has a special importance in the education field, as well as a lot of Azeri students are studying in this country. The minister talked about training high level specialists in Turkey, especially in the medicine and engineering fields, coordinating textbooks and training programs in the education area, organizing the intensive Turkish teachers' trip to Azerbaijan, and stressed that all that impact positively to the development of Azerbaijan high education system.

Rza Aykhan, rector of Gazi University, has expressed gratitude for the warm reception, and underlined the national, cultural and historical roots of two people, which play an important role in the relationship between countries, as well as in educational cooperation. Having touched trips of Azeri students to Turkey in order to be closely acquainted with Turkish universities, Rza Aykhan stressed that this will help to make relationships closer.

Ismail Yuksek, rector of Yildiz Technical University, noted existing of wide prospects of the development of relations in the education field, and underlined the importance of deepening relations for the future of two countries.

The Minister said that Azerbaijan pays special attention to the development of education field, and President Ilham Aliyev signed a decree on celebrating the 80th anniversary of Medical University at the state level, as well as this decree was accepted by education community positively. Furthermore, the minister underlined that, joining to the Bologna process helped Azerbaijani universities to reach a new level, and in recent years the field of expert training has become more productive.

Mr. Mardanov noted Turkey being in the first place among other countries, where Azeri students are studying, and expressed assurance to reach a high level in the cooperation field.

Chiefs of appropriate departments and structures of the Ministry, as well as Ahliman Amiraslanov, rector of Azerbaijan State Medical University participated in the event.

At the end parties handed over souvenirs to each other.