Misir Mardanov welcomed the guests at the Ministry of Education and expressed satisfaction from seeing them. Having noted the importance of fruitful collaboration existing between the UNICEF Baku Office and Ministry of Education, the Minister underlined the significance of projects implementing in the education field. He emphasized achievement of successful results in the application of active learning methodologies, enhancing qualification among teachers, pre-school education, creation of parent/ teacher association and, etc.

Having highly appreciated works implementing by the Office, and it staffs' work as well, the Minister expressed assurance for getting higher achievements as a consequence of cooperation.

Afterwards, the Minister noted works carried out in the framework of "State Program on Deinstitutionalization and Alternative Care," and the support of UNISEF Office to this field. He emphasized that Hanaa Singer; former UNICEF Representative in Azerbaijan was awarded the international award "Gold plane tree," instituted by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, for protection of children's rights, and upbringing them in the spirit of humanism.

Steven Allen, the Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States thanked the Minister for the warm reception and talked about fruitful cooperation existing between the UNICEF Office in Azerbaijan and Ministry of Education. He underlined his awareness of the economic development of Azerbaijan in recent years, the implementation of information technologies, and successful steps in other areas. He noted that in June this year UNICEF and the government of Azerbaijan about to discuss Joint Action Plans for 2011-2015. He underlined that the UNICEF Office in Azerbaijan paid a great attention to holding meetings in state organizations, and close acquaintance with implementing works; and stressed that it is the main purpose of his visit.

He talked about the role of parent/teacher association as well. At the end S. Allen thanked the Minister for the warm words about UNICEF Office in Azerbaijan.

The Minister, MIsir Mardanov proposed to include to the above-mentioned Action Plan relevant works in the preschool education field, creation of new curriculums in this direction, teacher training and related benefits, enhancing the parent/teacher association and other issues. The Minister also offered to the guest being acquaintance with some preschool educational institutions of the capital.

At the meeting were exchange of views on issues of mutual interest.