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The Minister of Education, Misir Mardanov, welcomed the meeting participants and underlined the support of ministries of Finance, Economic Development, Labor and Social Protection of Population, and other government bodies to works implemented in the vocational education development field. He noted that in accordance with the offer made by South Korea in 2007 there was achieved an agreement to implement the project for creation of Vocational Education Centre. Moreover, there were organized mutual visits of experts and solved some organizational issues. According to the Minister, the government of South Korea will allocate 22 million US dollars to create the Centre for Vocational Education. Furthermore, about 800 people will study at the centre on 8 specialties during the year.

The Minister noted that at the center, which will be established on the base of Baku Vocational Lyceum #4, will be organized 2-year full-time, and part-time courses. The Minister stressed that the president considers the development of vocational and technical education a priority issue, and expressed confidence in successful implementation of the tasks ahead.

Jun Jung-Jae Moon, representative of the Korean Human Resources Development Service, has thanked everyone for their assistance in establishing the vocational education center on advanced technologies, and gave information about the main priorities of the project. The guest noted that individuals graduated from the general, secondary and higher educational institutions will be able to get a vocational education. According to him, the center will be set up training conditions that meet the highest requirements, and students will be provided by the hostel.

Lee Ji-Ha, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Azerbaijan, noted the importance of the project. Having stressed his country's interest in bilateral cooperation with Azerbaijan, the Ambassador expressed his confidence in successful implementation of this project.

At the end, there were exchanged views on the issue and works that will be implemented.

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