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Education Minister Misir Mardanov warmly welcomed the guests and underlined the importance of ongoing projects for the development of vocational education in Azerbaijan. He highly appreciated Initial Vocational Education for Agricultural Development Project and noted the Ministry will provide the necessary support in the realization of the project.

Noting the completion of Vocational Education and Training Reform Strategy and Pilot Implementation in a selected region in Azerbaijan Project, funded by the European Union, the Minister expressed belief in the positive contribution of the project to the development of staff training in the agricultural field. He noted the relevant enterprise should be selected to implement the project. Moreover, the selected enterprise should be provided with the necessary equipments to implement the planned works. Mr. Mardanov suggested conducting the relevant work in this direction at some initial vocational schools of the country.

Furthermore, there were discussed suggestions on the definition of essence of a contract, as well as noted that the contract project is intended to be signed until July.

Herbert Strobel, Initial Vocational Education for Agricultural Development Project manager, has thanked the Minister for the warm reception. He highly appreciated the Vocational Education and Training Reform Strategy and Pilot Implementation in a selected region in Azerbaijan Project Final Conference that was held the day before.

The guest talked about works intended to be implemented with responsible establishments on the Initial Vocational Education for Agricultural Development Project. According to him, preparation of the document on the staff training development, realization of teacher training courses, and study of labor market demands are among the main measures that should be implemented within the project. He also noted the conduction of the relevant training courses in the Ganja.

Further, there were noted that the contract document for the project, which is composed of four sub-components, is planning to be prepared until March 15.

At the meeting, the sides exchanged views on other issues for the organization of visits to Germany to get acquainted with the vocational education system of this country, as well as successful implementation of the project.