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The UNEC Economic Forum Baku 2021, dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the restoration of state independence, organised by the Azerbaijan State Economic University (UNEC) with the support of the Ministries of Education and Economy, continued its work on 2 December.

The forum was attended by Farah Aliyeva, Head of the Humanitarian Policy, Diaspora, Multiculturalism and Religious Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, Education Minister Emin Amrullayev, Erol Ozvar, Head of the Council of Higher Education of Turkey, Rector of UNEC Adalat Muradov, Nobel Prize laureate Aziz Sanjar, Masoud Efendiyyev, Professor at the Institute of Education of Munich Research University in Germany and other guests.

At the start of the panel on "Science and Education in the Post-Pandemic Period," a minute of silence was observed to honor the memory of martyrs, and the National Anthem was played.

In his opening remarks, UNEC Rector Adalat Muradov welcomed the participants to the forum and stated that the panel was devoted to the theme of the scientific view of science and education in the post-pandemic period.

Then, Nobel laureate and world-renowned scientist Aziz Sanjar spoke about the challenges the pandemic has posed to scientists.

Speaking at the forum, Education Minister Emin Amrullayev emphasized the forum's unique significance in commemorating the restoration of state independence and the Great Victory. Speaking about the challenges facing education in the post-pandemic period and ways to address them, Education Minister Emin Amrullayev stated that the main goal of education and science policy is to increase accessibility and quality of education, creating equal opportunities for people from different social groups. The Minister of Education emphasized the importance of taking a fresh look at education quality, expressing the need for relevant government and other independent structures to have quality control mechanisms. According to the Minister, one of the most important issues during the pandemic period is the monitoring of certain socio-economic groups' learning processes.

Erol Ozvar, Head of the Council of Higher Education of Turkey, spoke about the consequences of the pandemic in higher education, noting that this crisis, as in other areas, has created new habits in education and that a paradigm shift in higher education is unavoidable.

Masoud Efendiyyev, Professor at the Institute of Education of Munich Research University in Germany, spoke about the role of science and education in countries' development. The panelists responded to questions from the participants after their speeches.

The forum included the launch of the books "E-Commerce and E-Export", "Research Methods in the Social Sciences" and "Digital Marketing and Social Media", authored by UNEC scientists.

A cooperation agreement was signed at the forum between UNEC and the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine).

Christian Rauscher, editorial director at "SPRINGER" publishing company, then met with the researchers.

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The Forum continued with a discussion on the topic of panel 3: "Digital Transformation of the Economy: New Challenges, New Opportunities".