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The 100th anniversary ceremony of the Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University (ASPU) was held on 17 December.

The anniversary ceremony was attended by Farah Aliyeva, Head of the Humanitarian Policy, Diaspora, Multiculturalism and Religious Affairs Department of the Presidential Administration, Deputy Prime Minister Ali Ahmedov, Education Minister Emin Amrullayev, Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov, members of the National Assembly, state and government officials, and representatives of the scientific community.

The National Anthem was played at the beginning of the event and participants observed a minute's silence in memory of martyrs.

In his opening speech, Jafar Jafarov, rector of the Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, spoke about the work done at the institution of higher education in recent years, the reforms undertaken and the results achieved. The rector noted that the main objectives are to improve the quality of education by updating the content, ensuring maximum transparency in the learning and examination process, preparation of educational programs for a new generation, increasing the effectiveness of scientific research, expansion of international relations and improvement of infrastructure.

Speaking at the event, Education Minister Emin Amrullayev stressed that the university plays an important role in the country's education sector. The Minister spoke about the successes of the educational institution, as well as the importance of the successful ongoing dual degree program between the ASPU and George Washington University as part of the "State Program for Improving the International Competitiveness of the Higher Education System in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2019-2023". He also noted the high level of student enrolment at the ASPU, as well as the high results achieved by university graduates in the examinations for recruitment as teachers.

Other guests who addressed the event then spoke about the role of the ASPU in education sector, congratulated the teaching staff and wished everyone success.

A film dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the ASPU was also screened at the anniversary ceremony.

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