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Videoconference on “The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Azerbaijan-China diplomatic relations, alumni’s role in the relations” was held.

The event took place on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations built between Azerbaijan and China (PRC) by the organization of “Azerbaijan-China alumni Association” Public Union.

Making speech at the event, the Chairman of Public Union Hikmat Zeynalli drew attention to that alumni association was significant between two countries and that alumni would support Azerbaijan-China relations.

Making speech at the event, Guo Min, the Ambassador of PRC in our country, conveyed the necessity of developing diplomatic relations between two countries. The Ambassador emphasized that the relations between the leaders of both countries was at high level.

In his turn, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to PRC Akram Zeynalli drew attention to the necessity of alumni’s role in the diplomatic relations. He also stressed that one of the countries mainly supporting “One belt, one road” project of China was just Azerbaijan and it had special role in the relations.

Then Mujdat Hasanov, Head of Sector for Study Abroad and Affairs of Foreign Students of the Ministry of Education made a speech and talked about the educational relations between two countries and student exchange implemented within the framework of Intergovernmental Scholarship Programmes (ISPs). Bringing attention to the dynamic development of such relations, Mujdat Hasanov stated that in general, 67 Azerbaijanis were studying at higher education establishments of the PCR in the framework of ISPs for 2021-2022 academic year.

One of the alumni studied in the PCR – Bakhtiyar Islamov, Head of New Azerbaijan Party Youth Union and Agshin Aliyev, PhD in Philology Chief of Chair of Azerbaijani language of Beijing University of Foreign Languages shared their thoughts with conference participants, talked about alumni’s role in the diplomatic relations.

Azerbaijani youth studied in the PRC and living in different countries of the world, Chinese students, as well as alumni represented in state and private sector participated in the event.