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At first, Education Minister congratulated the guest on his appointment as an ambassador and wished him success in his work on broadening of bilateral relations. Having expressed his satisfaction of seeing Ambassador Matthew Bryza at the Ministry, Mr. Mardanov underlined the development of bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and the United States, as well as noted the important role of education in these relations.

Minister Mardanov informed that under the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev important steps were taken to develop the education area of Azerbaijan. He also noted the positive aspects of fruitful education partnerships with the United States, and focused on works done within the education and exchange programs.

Having thanked Minister for the warm reception Ambassador Matthew Bryza expressed his willingness to do his best for the further development of relationship existing between Azerbaijan and the US. Noting that he has been informed on reforms implemented in the education field of Azerbaijan, Ambassador Bryza touched upon issues like the continuation of cooperation within the relevant exchange programs, such as Fulbright program, and study of Azeri youth at universities of the United States within this program. He also noted the important steps taken by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation to strengthen educational cooperation between two countries. Moreover, Ambassador Matthew Bryza put forward the idea to attract girls from rural areas of the country into the occupational education.

Expressing his views on issues touched upon by the ambassador Minister Mardanov underlined appropriateness of a joint cooperation in the academic and scientific research work of Azeri students, who have graduated from universities of the United States, at universities of Azerbaijan.

At the end, the parties noted the importance of such meetings to develop the bilateral ties, as well as exchanged views on other issues of common interest.

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