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The opening ceremony of the international conference on "Sustainable Quality Assurance in Education", organized by the Education Quality Assurance Agency (EQAA), took place on September 29.

The main purpose of the conference is to learn from best practices in quality assurance in education, to improve internal and external quality assurance in education policy and mechanisms at the general and higher education levels, and to establish links in quality assurance between these two levels of education.

In her opening speech, the Education Quality Assurance Agency Board Chair Ulker Sattarova informed the participants of the event about the work done by the Agency in the field of quality assurance, the results achieved and the plans for the future.

In his opening speech the Minister of Science and Education Emin Amrullayev noted that the reforms implemented within the "Bologna" process in the educational space of Azerbaijan contribute to improving the quality of higher education. At the same time, the Minister stressed that one of his objectives is to ensure sustainable quality across all levels of education in line with European standards and guidelines for quality assurance (ESG) in the European Higher Education Area. The Minister also touched on the fact that ensuring a continuous quality transition across general and higher education levels is one of the important issues facing education administrators.

On the first day of the two-day conference, panel discussions were led by Gendrik Martijnse, Director of Department of Higher Education of the Education Inspectorate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, one of the leading international quality assurance organizations in Europe and the world, Achim Hopbach, an international expert in higher education and former president of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) from 2009-2013, Dr. Olgun Cicek, Vice-President of the Central and Eastern European Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (CEENQA), Rufat Azizov, Director of the Institute of Education, Elnur Aliyev, Head of the Department for the Organization and Management of General and Pre-School Education under the Ministry of Science and Education. They touched on the organization of an internal and external quality assurance system in higher education in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG) in the European Higher Education Area, ensuring continuity of quality assurance between general and higher education levels.

They also touched on cooperation in ongoing projects and the exchange of experience in the field of quality assurance, and answered questions from participants at the event.

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On the second day of the conference, practical workshops by international experts will be held for representatives of general and higher education institutions