Having warmly welcomed the guests at the Ministry, Minister Mardanov underlined successful implementation of projects carried out in the partnership with the World Bank. He informed on forming relevant expert groups to implement joint works in a high level, and new improvements happened in the education field of Azerbaijan. The Minister talked about a use of new subject curriculums implemented within the Second Education Sector Development Project, preparation of the pre-school curriculum project, curriculum training courses held for primary teachers, as well as changes implemented in the education management bodies, rules for hiring of teachers and projects implemented jointly with the World Bank.

Moreover, the Minister touched upon results of reforms implemented in the education field over past years, and from this viewpoint, underlined the benefits of cooperation with the World Bank. According to him, positive results have been achieved in all levels of education due to the partnership with the World Bank. He also emphasized the need to speed up the planned projects in this direction.

Noting the development of education is one of the priority directions of the state policy and President Ilham Aliyev pays a special attention to this area, Misir Mardanov gave information on construction and refurbishment of over 2000 schools over past years, as well as improvement of material and technical supply of education establishments. He said that, there were implemented significant works within the Presidential orders on developing of education. He also expressed hope that the partnership with the World Bank in implementation of some planned projects will produce positive results as well.

World Bank Regional Director for the South Caucasus Asad Alam thanked the Minister for detailed information on works done in the education field. He noted the existence of fruitful partnership between the Ministry of Education and World Bank, and said that all projects carried out in the education field have been successfully completed. He expressed hope that other planned projects will be implemented soon, and noted that the World Bank is ready to render any assistance to Azerbaijan within the cooperation.

Further the parties have discussed the main directions of future cooperation between the Ministry and World Bank.