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Deputy Minister of Science and Education Firudin Gurbanov is on a visit to Samarkand (Uzbekistan) to participate in the 7th meeting of Ministers of Education of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS).

As part of his visit, Firudin Gurbanov met with Hilola Umarova, Minister of Preschool and General Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Aida Rysbayeva, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic. During the meeting, the parties discussed the current state and prospects for cooperation in education. The parties noted opportunities for expanding relations in the field of student exchanges, joint participation of students in festivals and contests, implementation of joint projects under the OTS. Firudin Gurbanov thanked Hilola Umarova for building a school for 960 students in the liberated city of Fizuli on the initiative of Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

As part of his visit, the Deputy Minister visited the Presidential School, Preschool Educational Institution #48 and Samarkand State University operating in Samarkand, and familiarized himself with the conditions created at the educational institutions.

Firudin Gurbanov also took part in a high-level meeting with the participation of the Secretary General of the Organization of Turkic States Kubanichbek Omuraliyev, Minister of Preschool and General Education of Uzbekistan Hilola Umarova, Deputy Minister of National Education of the Republic of Turkey Nazif Yilmaz, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic Aida Rysbaeva, Deputy Minister of Science and Education of Kazakhstan Kuanysh Yergaliyev.

Speaking at the event, the deputy minister informed about the work done in the field of education under the OTS. Firudin Gurbanov noted that the textbook "General Turkic History up to the 15th century" is taught as a faculty subject in the educational institutions. In addition, the Deputy Minister stressed that the higher educational institutions of Azerbaijan are actively involved in the activities of the Union of Turkish Universities, and the Azerbaijan State Economic University will chair the Union for 2023-2024. Stressing the importance of participation of teenagers and youth from Turkic-speaking states in various Olympiads and contests, the Deputy Minister mentioned as an example the international children dance festival entitled "Heydar Aliyev - the great messenger of the Turkic world" held on 1 June in Shusha with participation of children's dance groups from Turkic-speaking states and "Joint Olympiad of Turkic World on History" held in our country.

Then the participants of the event exchanged views on the issues on the agenda. The Deputy Minister expressed his views on the issues discussed and proposed.