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The conference was attended by the management of Ministry of Education and ANAS, employees of the Ministry, university rectors and intellectuals.

At first, attendees of the conference organized by ANAS and Ministry of Education became acquainted with the exhibition entitled "Historical path of independent Azerbaijan over the past 20 years."

Education Minister Misir Mardanov gave a presentation at the conference on the theme of "Forming and developing a new education system in the Independent Azerbaijan Republic." Expressing his pleasure to meet famous intellectuals of Azerbaijan, the Minister welcomed attendees on behalf of thousands of educators. Noting the conference is held in accordance with the order of the President Ilham Aliyev on "20th anniversary of the restoration of state independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan," Mr. Mardanov underlined achievements gained in the development of education system over the years of independence.

Noting conditions for implementation of reforms in the education field were established after the national leader Heydar Aliyev returned to the power on people demand in 1993, the Minister talked on the role of great leader in the strengthening of our statehood, including its unexampled activity in the building of national education. Having underlined the state care provided for the education field over the past 20 years, Mr. Mardanov stressed the signing of 16 state programmes for the first time in the history of education of Azerbaijan and, all planned measures within these programmes are successfully being implemented. Moreover, due to the implementation of these programmes developed based on the analysis of the current situation on the development of separate fields of education were built the educational infrastructure in compliance with the latest demands. He also brought to the attention significant achievements gained in the fields of renovation of educational content, implementation of new textbook policy, pre-school, vocational and higher education, study abroad, development of gifted children, deinstitutionalization and, etc.

There were also given presentations by Prime Vice President of ANAS Arif Hashimov entitled "Natural sciences in Azerbaijan for the past 20 years: existing scientific potential and development prospects," Vice President of ANAS Naila Valikhanli - "Social and human sciences in Azerbaijan over the years of independence," Vice Rector of Baku State University Irada Aliyeva - "Development of scientific researches at higher education institutions of Azerbaijan over the years of independence," and chairman of Nakhchivan Department of ANAS Ismayil Hajiyev - "Development of academic science in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic over the years of independence."

At the end, there was demonstrated a film "Temple of science over the years of independence."