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Noting activities to assure the quality of higher education, Misir Mardanov underlined the cooperation between the World Bank and Ministry of Education has given its positive results, and projects signed up to this day are successfully implemented. Moreover, the Minister touched upon necessary steps that need to be taken to develop ties. According to him, there was created the relevant expert group to implement joint activities at a high level, and international experts positively evaluated the innovations occurring in the education field of Azerbaijan.

Moreover, the Minister of Education talked on results of reforms implemented in the education field over recent years and, from this viewpoint, stressed the positive aspects of cooperation with the World Bank. According to him, a progress has been made at all levels of education due to the cooperation with the World Bank.

An international expert in Quality Assurance in Higher Education María Jose Lemaitre thanked the Minister for the warm welcome and for information on works done in the education area. The guest noted the existence of fruitful relationship between the World Bank and Ministry of Education. Moreover, she put forward her ideas about the quality assurance in higher education, licensing and accreditation of education institutions, as well as the experience of Azerbaijan in this direction.

Next, there were held discussions on further cooperation between the World Bank and Ministry of Education, quality assurance in higher education, on global experience in licensing and accreditation of education institutions and, etc.