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The conference was attended by the Minister of Education Misir Mardanov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Bahrami Aliyev, Ambassador of Germany to Azerbaijan Herbert Quelle, Deputy Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Peter Bleser, Professor of University of Applied Sciences of Weihenstephan - Troisdorf of Germany, manager of German side for the Initial Vocational Training Development Project in the field of agriculture, Herbert Strobel, directors of vocational schools and other guests.

Speaking at the opening of the conference, Education Minister welcomed the guests, and stressed the expansion of cooperation with Germany in all areas, including the education field. Noting the President Ilham Aliyev keeps an attention on the agriculture along with other fields, the Minister underlined that the training of specialists in this field is one of the priority issues of the government.

The Minister said that the main goal of the project for 1.2 million euros is to support vocational education reforms in the agriculture field of Azerbaijan, improve the situation on provision of vocational graduates with job and increase competitiveness of the non-oil sector. The Minister highly praised the project and expressed his belief that it will make a huge contribution to the development of the vocational education and agriculture field in the future.

Ambassador of Germany to Azerbaijan Herbert Quelle and Deputy Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Peter Bleser in their speech talked about the rapid growth of Azerbaijan economy in recent years. Noting likewise other fields, the agricultural area of the country has huge potential the guests expressed their hope for the successful implementation of the project.

At the end, manager of German side for the Initial Vocational Training Development Project in the field of agriculture Herbert Strobel gave a detailed presentation on the project.