Having warmly welcomed the guests Education Minister Misir Mardanov expressed his pleasure at seeing them at the Ministry. Noting the existence of bilateral relations with the Turkish Republic Northern Cyprus, the Minister stressed that the cooperation in the education field has been developed over the past years. He estimated the visit of guest to Azerbaijan as an obvious example of this relationship and underlined the need to improve the links established in the education field.

The Minister gave information on measures taken to improve the welfare of children noting that this field is under the constant attention of President Ilham Aliyev and President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation Mehriban Aliyeva. He stressed the importance of attending by her an international conference entitled “2011 Results and forthcoming obligations” conducted within the State Programme on Deinstitutionalization and Alternative Care. Moreover, the Minister noted the organization of mutual visits of specialists within relevant programmes.

The spouse of Prime Minister of Turkish Republic Northern Cyprus Gulin Kucuk thanked the Minister for the warm reception and passed on the best regards of Prime Minister of Turkish Republic Northern Cyprus to him. The guest underlined the special position of education field within the cooperation established between Azerbaijan and Northern Cyprus. Noting the importance of improving bilateral ties in the education field, G. Kucuk expressed her belief that a mutual relationship will bring great benefits.

According to the Turkish Republic Northern Cyprus representative to Azerbaijan Zeki Gazioglu the cooperation in the education field of both countries has been developing over recent years. He noted that this year the number of Azeri students studying at universities of Northern Cyprus has risen compared to last year (from 407 to 600).

At the meeting, the sides exchanged views on deepening bilateral relations.