Education Minister Misir Mardanov has warmly greeted the guests and stressed the existence of great interest in the Agency's activity in the country. The Minister noted that the establishment of cooperation with the Reuters Agency will be particularly important for the development of science in Azerbaijan and its worldwide recognition. He put forward the idea for the establishment of relations in the existing directions and underlined the feasibility of implementing this work in cooperation with the relevant structures.

The Country Manager for Central and Eastern Europe at Thomson Reuters David Horky has thanked the Minister for the warm reception. He gave detailed information on the Reuters Agency noting its database is used in more than 100 countries around the world. According to Mr. D. Horky, the Agency database is being used in determining the world top university rankings as well. He stressed that the Agency database contains scientific journals which have an impact factor, and information on international conferences and patents. Moreover, Mr. Horky underlined their readiness to establish cooperation.

Noting the Republic of Turkey has implemented the relevant work in this field since 2001, Sales Manager of the Thomson Reuters Agency Metin Tunc underlined the importance of using the Agency database. He stressed the existence of high scientific potential in the country and importance attached to the development of science and technology in Azerbaijan.

The Minister noted the importance of preparing the relevant draft document, and reviewing it jointly with several structures to receive the right of access to the database of the Agency.

Moreover, the sides have had an exchange of views on the future directions and opportunities for the use of Agency database.