On September 24, the opening ceremony of the Eurasian Universities Summit 2025 took place in Baku. The Summit was co-organized by the Azerbaijan's Ministry of Science and Education, the State Agency for Science and Higher Education, and the international rating agency "Times Higher Education" (THE).

Minister of Science and Education Emin Amrullayev expressed his satisfaction with the summit in Baku. He emphasized that the main mission of higher education is to develop human capital and create added value for society. The minister also noted the importance of discussing issues such as the accessibility of higher education, maintaining a balance between quality and quantity, a fair approach to international student exchange, and ensuring social equality.

Emin Amrullayev emphasized the importance of cooperation between foreign universities and institutes, noting the benefits of conducting scientific researches in such a significant region as Eurasia and their contributions to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. In conclusion, the minister stressed the great importance of the summit for cooperation and new ideas.

Phil Baty, Chief Global Affairs Officer at Times Higher Education, said that Azerbaijan has created a unique platform for international cooperation in science and education. He also said that in the world university rankings, which will be published in 2026, the number of Azerbaijani universities will double compared to the previous year and reach four.

At the summit, Norbert Csizmadia, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of John von Neumann University, emphasized the importance of universities, industry and governments working together to create dynamic research ecosystems capable of solving global problems. He noted that transnational research will make an important contribution to equitable access to knowledge and the search for new solutions.

On the first day of the summit, panel discussions were held on the following topics: the global impact of transnational research, the contribution of higher education to the Sustainable Development Goals, opportunities for cooperation between Eurasian universities, and international student mobility.

It should be noted that the Eurasian Universities Summit will take place on 24–25 September.