The final panel discussion of the “THE Eurasia Universities Summit”, held in Baku with the support of the Ministry of Science and Education, and jointly organized by the State Agency for Science and Higher Education, and the international ranking agency “Times Higher Education” (THE), was devoted to the topic ‘The Future of Cooperation between Eurasian Universities.’

Director of the State Agency for Science and Higher Education Ulker Sattarova noted that, despite the difficulties of combining different educational systems, a certain degree of integration had been achieved within the existing systems. She also emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation in scientific activities and research with countries in Asia, Central Asia, Europe and other Western countries, as well as to increase the number of joint articles written with researchers from different countries.

Other speakers on the panel included BP company vice president for the Caspian region Bakhtiyar Aslanbeyli, Pro-rector for External Relations, Government Relations and Student Affairs at A.D.A. University Fariz Ismayilzade, and Vilayat Veliyev, rector of the Azerbaijan Technical University. They noted the role of universities in developing international cooperation, opportunities for cooperation with industry, and the importance of forming new areas of focus in line with the region's development potential.

At the official closing ceremony of the summit, Phil Beaty, Chief Global Affairs Officer at “Times Higher Education”, stated that higher education in the Eurasian region has entered a new era of development thanks to innovation and research, and announced that the next summit will be held in Kazakhstan.

Gulziya Burshukova, Deputy Director of the Strategic Development Department at the K. I. Satpayev Kazakh National Research Technical University, invited participants to the summit, which will be held in Almaty.

At the closing ceremony, Phil Beaty presented a special commemorative badge to Ulker Sattarova, Director of the State Agency for Science and Higher Education, for hosting the summit for the first time in the region and for its high-level organization.

It should be noted that the summit lasted two days and brought together more than 300 delegates from nearly 35 countries. The event featured wide-ranging discussions on global topics such as digital transformation in higher education, inclusiveness, international partnerships, contributions to achieving Sustainable Development Goals, combating climate change, cooperation between universities and industry, and future opportunities for cooperation in the Eurasian region.