The meeting attendees were welcomed by Education Minister Misir Mardanov. Noting the International Baccalaureate Organization was established in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1968, the Minister stressed that the International Baccalaureate Programme, which aims to develop intellectual, social, emotional, research, independent learning and intercultural understanding skills in students, currently works with 3,529 schools in 144 countries.

Noting the IB programme has been implemented in our country for 15 years, the Minister underlined that the relevant programme has taught at grades 1, 10 and 11 of the school-lyceum No.6 of the Ministry since 2010. According to him, the education document of students that will complete their secondary education within the IB programme will be recognized in Azerbaijan. He also underlined the importance of providing these schools with high-level logistic base and trained teaching staff.

Regional Director for IB Africa, Europe and Middle East Adrian Kearney thanked the Minister for the warm welcome. He gave detailed information about the IB programme and noted that students completing their secondary education within the programme will have an opportunity to be admitted to the top universities in the world without entrance examinations.

Mr. Kearney also underlined the possibility of using IB programme in the vocational education and teacher training fields. Noting the programme provides the qualitative organization of teaching process, the guest stressed that over 1 million students worldwide are involved in the IB programme.

At the meeting, the sides also exchanged views on the further development of education field of Azerbaijan within IB programme and discussed other issues of common interest.