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SABA SABAH groups students at Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction presented their "Sustainable development of Karabakh by the example of Aghdam" project on March 3.

Participants in the event included deputy Prime Minister, chairman of the State Committee for Refugee and IDP Affairs Ali Ali Hasanov, deputy chairperson of the Milli Majlis Bahar Muradova, Azerbaijan's Commissioner for Human Rights Elmira Süleymanova, Minister of Education Mikayil Jabbarov, members of parliament and public figures.

Participants of the ceremony first viewed an exhibition in the foyer of the university.

In her remarks at the ceremony, rector of Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction Gulchohra Mammadova said the project aims to engage students in restoration work to be carried out in the occupied lands after they

will be liberated. "This is a concept of design and sustainable development of Karabakh."

Project manager, head of the Department of Environment of Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction Faqan Aliyev said the project was developed by students at the university's SABAH groups in partnership with teachers and professors.

Students then presented a scheme to carry out renovation and construction works in the occupied lands by the example of the city of Aghdam. The scheme featured the general layout of the city, and layouts of the city's transport infrastructure, proposals on the use of renewable energy sources and power-generation potential of Kichik Chay sources in Karabakh, plans for the city's wastewater collection system and main pipeline plan, and layouts of private houses and multi-storey residential buildings.

Deputy Prime Minister, chairman of the State Committee for Refugee and IDP Affairs Ali Hasanov welcomed the project of students at SABAH groups. He described "Sustainable development of Karabakh by the example of Aghdam" project as a true example of patriotism. "I am hopeful that by developing such projects our students will contribute to restoration and development of our occupied lands, which will be liberated under the leadership of the President of Azerbaijan." "The head of state's decision to launch restoration works in the liberated Jojuq-Marjanli village is the beginning of a remarkable historical mission. And today's event sets the outlines of the historical return."

Deputy chairperson of the Milli Majlis Bahar Muradova, Head of Shusha District Executive Authority Bayram Safarov congratulated the students on the presentation of the project. They said this initiative fully meets the goals set by the policy pursued by the President of Azerbaijan.

Minister of Education Mikayil Jabbarov described the project as a product of long-term and tireless labour. "The project is not merely a professional approach. It indicates that our youth are not indifferent to crucial challenges facing our country. This project is the best example of patriotism and dedication." Mikayil Jabbarov said the students presented a vital restoration project that will be so much needed by the country. The minister said the project is indicative of Azerbaijani students' potential.

Mikayil Jabbarov said SABAH groups were established three years ago with the aim of creating innovative education environment, and preparing well-educated, skilled and well-prepared students and specialists.

Rector of Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction thanked the participants of the event on behalf of the university's professors and teachers.