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Having warmly greeted the guests, Education Minister Misir Mardanov, talked about relationship between Azerbaijan and Spain and highlighted the importance to the further development of the educational ties. He gave information on ongoing reforms implemented in the country in recent years, and state care provided for the education field. Moreover, the Minister stressed the signing by the President an Executive Order on 'National Education Development Strategy of Azerbaijan in 2011-2021.'

Mr Mardanov highlighted Instituto de Empresa Business School being one of the best higher education institutions in the world. According to him, currently, Azerbaijan has two students studying Business Management Programme at IE Business School to gain a Masters level degree, and two students have graduated from this school within the 'State Program on the education of Azerbaijani youth abroad in the years 2007-2015.' The Minister emphasized the role of the School in training business professionals worldwide and stressed that he considers establishing ties with IE Business School is important.

Having thanked the Minister for the warm reception, Joel McConnell, Financial Aid Officer at IE Business School, gave information on this education institution. Noting the IE Business School is ranked among top 10 Business Schools in the world, the guest underlined, currently, students from more than 80 countries studying there. According to him, the main goal of the meeting is to provide the education for Azerbaijani youth on different programmes of IE Business School within the 'State Program on the education of Azerbaijani youth abroad in the years 2007-2015,' as well as scholarships offered by the IE Business School. Therefore, they intend to hold meetings at higher education institutions of Azerbaijan, and with other government agencies.

The Minister praised the proposal put forward by guest and expressed readiness to render any help to develop the cooperation.

At the meeting, guests were offered to visit Azerbaijan State Economic University, State Oil Academy and Qafqaz University.