

---

At the meeting, there were held discussions about the experience of Azerbaijan in the monitoring and evaluation field, and measures implemented in the intra-school and international evaluation sphere.

Deputy Education Minister Gulu Novruzov welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure in seeing them at the Ministry of Education. Talking on reforms implemented in the education field of the country, the Deputy Minister, stressed that the education policy launched by the national leader Heydar Aliyev is successfully continued under the leadership of the President Ilham Aliyev. He noted that the amount of funds allocated from the state budget for the education field continue to increase year-on-year and noted that during the years of independence, 16 State Education Programmes were implemented in the country.

He gave information on works done for the integration of the Azerbaijani education into the world education system, and from this viewpoint, touched upon measures implemented in cooperation with the World Bank. According to him, in 2004, the Department for Monitoring and Evaluation was established at the Ministry of Education as a result of cooperation with the World Bank. Moreover, G. Novruzov gave information on the activity of the Department and noted that the Department is successfully fulfilling its responsibilities.

Abdulkhamid Nozimov, Director of Education and Science Department of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, expressed his pleasure from the meeting, and noted they are visited Sheky city and number of universities of the country within their trip. Expressing his satisfaction with other meetings held by them, the guest expressed their interest in the experience of Azerbaijan in the fields of admission to universities, intra-school and international evaluation.

Tarana Hajiyeva, Director of Monitoring and Evaluation Department gave detailed information on activities of the department and measures implemented in the national and international evaluation fields of Azerbaijan in the recent years. She underscored the effectiveness of cooperation with the World Bank and noted that the relevant international practice is successfully implemented in the country.

Touching upon the essence and rules for an organization of the national and international evaluation process, T. Hajiyeva gave information on potential and technical capabilities of the department headed by her. According to her, the national and international evaluation process has been improved year-upon-year and measures implemented in this field serve to the enhancement of the level of education.

At the meeting, members of the Tajik delegations expressed their thoughts on discussed issues, as well as questions asked by them were responded.