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The event began by singing the national anthem of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

It was attended by representatives of respective organizations, members of the Milli Majlis, university rectors and educators. Speaking at the event Education Minister Misir Mardanov noted the nationwide leader Heydar Aliyev has always paid a great attention to the education and his policy is confidently continued by President Ilham Aliyev. Noting the successful results of the policy led by President Ilham Aliyev, the Minister underscored the development of economics, science, education and other areas. M. Mardanov has congratulated the fellows, staff and students of Azerbaijan Technical University on behalf of President Ilham Aliyev and wished them success in their education. The Minister noted that by the relevant orders of President Ilham Aliyev one fellow of the AzTU was awarded Shohrat Order, 18 - Taragge medal, 3 fellows were awarded honorary titles of Distinguished Scientist, 16 - Distinguished Teacher, 8 - Distinguished Engineer and 1 - Honoured Worker of Culture.

Moreover, some professors and teachers of AzTU were awarded by the Ministry of Education the badge of Honoured Worker of Education and honorary diplomas. The awards were handed over to their owners.

M. Mardanov expressed his gratitude to President Ilham Aliyev on behalf of educators for the great attention and care provided by him for the education field of the country.

Vice-speaker of the Milli Majlis Bahar Muradova read out a congratulatory letter from Speaker of Parliament Ogtay Asadov to the university staff.

Moreover, the congratulatory letters from relevant universities of Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and other countries on 60th anniversary of Azerbaijan Technical University were read out as well.

Rector of Azerbaijan Technical University, Professor Havar Mammadov spoke about the activities and development stages of AzTU, which made a great contribution to the development of science and education of the country. He noted that all advances of AzTU have historical background. The idea of establishing this higher education institution as an independent university was launched in 1945. Thus, on 20 October 1945, the Council of People's Commissars of the USSR adopted a special order to open the Azerbaijan Polytechnic Institute (ATU), and its execution was entrusted to the Ministry of Higher Education. In November 1950, in Baku was established the Azerbaijan Polytechnic Institute consisting of four faculties. Since 1978, the Institute has begun to train personnel for foreign countries as well, and it made possible to expand its international relations.

Noting the great attention and care provided by the great leader Heydar Aliyev for the AzTU, Rector said that during the period of his leadership the university has passed through important stages of development and progress. According to him, in the 1970s of the last century, as a result of farsighted policy of national leader Heydar Aliyev, Azerbaijani youth sent to the best universities of USSR have contributed to the development of various fields, including education and AzTU.

Professor H. Mammadov said that, after Azerbaijan has regained its state independence, important innovations occurred on the education system have laid the foundation for a qualitatively new stage in the activity of AzTU. He also underlined the attention paid by President Aliyev for the science and education areas.

According to him, currently the university consists of 9 faculties, 47 departments, one Science Centre, 18 scientific research laboratory and library with a total book stock of some 550 000 volumes. The university offers bachelors and master's degree programs on 26 directions and 68 specialties. It has 633 teaching staff, including over 70 doctors of science, professors, 330 candidates of science, associate professor and over 7 000 students. In 2010 the university has gained a grant of CIS Humanitarian Assistance Fund, which provides for AzTU free access to electronic libraries of CIS countries.

For the first time, the university has purchased rare engineering machines controlled by CAD/CAM technology and established Center for Teaching and Technology, which will play a significant role in

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training students in accordance with requirements of developed countries. Moreover, new automatic switching center was installed at the university, as well as strong laboratory facilities on communication systems were launched by ETI's Assistance Company.

Currently, the wide range of scientific researches is conducted at the university. Moreover, there were established scientific – research laboratories provided “Synthesis of nanostructured materials and their application,” and “Physico-thermal Properties of oil and petroleum products.”

In 2000-2010, fellows of AzTU received about 100 patents on their inventions. Moreover, 24 doctors of science and 80 candidates of science have been trained over the past ten years. In recent years, scientific journals of foreign countries published some 600 articles of the university scholars.

Talking about international links of the university, Prof. H. Mammadov noted that 10 young scholars of university are currently working at various universities and research production facilities of Germany. According to him, over 60 fellows of the university have engaged in scientific practice via the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service).

Currently, the university cooperates with relevant universities of different countries, including the USA, Germany, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Canada and, etc. Noting Azerbaijan has joined to the European Higher Education Area, Prof. H. Mammadov underlined that measures are currently being implemented at AzTU in accordance with requirements of this process.

Deputy chairman and executive secretary of the ruling Yeni Azerbaijan Party, MP Ali Ahmedov, senior vice president of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan, academician Arif Hashimov, rector of Baku State University, MP, academician Abel Maharramov, rector of Azerbaijan Medical University, academician Ahliman Amiraslanov, Rector of Azerbaijan State Economic University, chairman of the Committee on Science and Education of the Milli Majlis, professor Shamsaddin Hajiyev, rector of Azerbaijan Architecture and Construction University, MP, professor Gulchohra Mammadova, rector of Azerbaijan State Oil Academy, academician Siyavush Garayev, Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Iltilas Mammadov, deputy chairman of the Republican Committee of the Independent Trade Union of Education Workers Shaig Askerov and head of Yasamal District Executive Power Ibrahim Mehdiyev made a speech at the event noting the care provided by the government for the fields of education and science of the country.

Noting the contributions of the university to the development of science and education fields, the orators congratulated university staff, professors, teachers and students, and expressed their good wishes to them.