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Education Minister welcomed the guests and noted the rapid development of bilateral relations in all directions, including the education field between Azerbaijan and Turkey. Mr. Mardanov gave information on works carried out by Cag Ogretim Isletmeleri Company in Azerbaijan and its achievements. He also underlined contributions made by Qafqaz University to the higher education of Azerbaijan and highly praised the activity of Azerbaijan-Turkish private lyceums operated in the country.

Education Minister has drawn attention to achievements of Azeri youth in international Olympiads over the last years. Stressing the role of Cag Ogretim Isletmeleri Company in these achievements the Minister touched upon forthcoming duties to raise the level of Azeri education even more.

Deputy speaker of Turkish Grand National Assembly Mehmet Saglam reminded his first visit to Azerbaijan as a Head of Turkish Higher Education Board. The guest expressed his satisfaction with the level of educational cooperation between two countries. He highly praised the dynamic economic growth of Azerbaijan, which creates an opportunity for the development of education.

Noting he worked in Azerbaijan over the period 2001-2005, Rector of Turgut Ozal University Erol Oral highlighted that period as a valuable part of his life. Having expressed his pride in the achievements gained by Qafqaz University, which was headed by him over a four year period, the rector drew attention to the educational ties between Azerbaijan and Turkey.

Rector of Qafqaz University Ahmed Sanic thanked the Minister for kind words on the activity of university headed by him. He gave information on priority directions of the activity of university and stressed the special role of educational ties in promoting the cooperation between Azerbaijan and Turkey.

Noting education institutions of Cag Ogretim Isletmeleri Company are operating in 150 countries across the world, A. Sanic said that their activity in Azerbaijan is different. He thanked the government of Azerbaijan for the care provided to the activity of the Company and expressed his belief that their activity will be even better in the future.

At the meeting, the sides have discussed other issues of common interests.