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The meeting was devoted to the creation of Technology Park at Qafqaz University with the support of Middle East Technical University.

Education Minister Misir Mardanov welcomed the guests at the Ministry and talked about the rapid development of existing relationship between Azerbaijan and Turkey, including in the field of education. He highly praised the idea of creation Technology Park at Qafqaz University and said this experience will be a new contribution to the development of higher education field of Azerbaijan.

Rector of Qafqaz University Ahmed Sanic noted that at first it is planning to use Technology Park of Sof Sumgayit within the framework of cooperation with the Ministry of Economic Development of Azerbaijan. Moreover, some discussions were held to organize the activity of the relevant structure at Qafqaz University by benefiting from the experience of Middle East Technical University in creating Technology Park.

Deputy Director of Technology Park of the Middle East Technical University Ufuk Bulut noted that as a result of industrialization of Turkey in the second half of the 20th century the activity of higher technical educational institutions were built in compliance with industry standards. Speaking about the importance of applying the results of scientific researches conducted at universities to the industrial sector, the guest stressed an important role of this experience in training professionals.

Noting the initiative is new for Azerbaijan, the Minister expressed his belief that it will be successfully implemented. He also hoped that other universities of the country will also be able to use this experience in the future. The Minister highly praised the existence of Technology Park at universities in terms of additional funding provision, promotion and encouragement of scientific researches.