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The meeting was attended by officials of Azerbaijan Education Ministry, Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research, and representatives of education institutions from both countries.

Education Minister Misir Mardanov welcomed the meeting attendees and talked about the importance of conference devoted to the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Azerbaijan and Italy. Noting such meetings have a positive impact to the development of bilateral relations between the two countries and expansion of educational links the Minister gave detailed information about the development path of Azerbaijan, problems faced by the country and its education system. Mr. Mardanov spoke about ongoing reforms to improve the education system and successes achieved in different levels of education. According to him, Azerbaijan is interested in expanding relations with Italy in the education field.

The Minister added that 24 universities of Italy were included to the list of higher education institutions within the State Program for study of Azeri youth abroad for the years 2007-2015, approved by the order 2090 of the President of Azerbaijan of 16 April. Moreover, according to him, 2 students have already graduated from universities of Italy and 4 students are currently studying for a Masters degree.

Next, the sides exchanged views on issues of common interest and discussed the prospects for bilateral relations.

Representative of the Ministry of Education, University and Research of Italy Ezio Sina, professor of Sapienza University Angelo Filippini, Deputy Secretary General of Centre for Italian Language and Culture "Dante Alighieri" Raffaella Fiorani, head of International Relations Department of the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan Tamilla Aliyeva and others noted the existence of prospects for strengthening bilateral relations in the education field between the two countries and the need to increase relevant efforts in this direction.