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Education Minister warmly welcomed the Ambassador at the Ministry. He talked about the relationship between Azerbaijan and the Netherlands and promising areas for development of educational ties. According to him, the relations between the two countries in the education field are improving within the State Program on study of Azeri youth abroad for the years 2007/2015. Noting 14 prestigious universities of the Netherlands were included in the relevant list of State Program, the Minister underlined that a total of 53 Azeri students were sent to universities of the Netherlands, 27 of whom graduated from universities and 26 students are currently continuing their study.

Education Minister also talked about cooperation between the Maastricht School of Management and the Ministry of Education. He drew attention to steps taken within the cooperation with universities of the Netherlands in recent years, and underlined the increase in the number of Azeri students studying at universities of this country in law, economics and philosophy specialties. Mr. Mardanov stressed the importance of increasing attention to research areas to expand cooperation in the education field between Azerbaijan and the Netherlands, as well as establishing relationship in the vocational education field.

The Ambassador thanked Minister Mardanov for the warm welcome and noted his country attaches a great importance to education field within its relations with Azerbaijan. He underlined the existence of relations between universities of the two countries within international programs and possibility of establishing cooperation between universities in the scientific research areas. The Ambassador touched on issues, such as increasing the number of Azeri students studying at the Netherlands within the State Program for study of Azeri youth abroad for the years 2007/2015 and attracting students from the Netherlands to Azeri universities. The guest expressed his confidence in expanding cooperation in all areas of education.

At the meeting, the sides have also exchanged views on promising areas for development of educational ties between the two countries.