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Education Minister Misir Mardanov opened the ceremony by warmly welcoming the guests. Noting the development of educational ties between Azerbaijan and Korea in recent years, the Minister highly praised the expansion of cooperation with friendly Korea in the relevant direction. He also talked about the numerous projects implemented by Korea in the education field of the country, and works done in this field.

Next, Minister Mardanov spoke about the importance of agreement on the establishment of Electronic Learning Network and Digital Multimedia Infrastructure at Nakhchivan State University. Stressing that the above-mentioned agreement meets the realities of our country, the Minister noted that the year 2013 is proclaimed as the Year of Information and Communications Technology by the Order of President Ilham Aliyev.

Moreover, the Minister gave information on achievements gained through the use of ICT in the education field over the recent years. He also expressed his belief that the agreement will contribute to the educational cooperation between the two countries.

Misir Mardanov wished Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Azerbaijan Choi Suk-Inn every success in his future activity and expressed his belief that the relationship in the education field of both countries will further expand.

Ambassador of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Azerbaijan Choi Suk-Inn talked about the development of relations in different areas, and underlined the importance of cooperation in the education field. He highly praised the announcement of 2013 as the Year of ICT in Azerbaijan. Noting the importance of grant agreement on the establishment of Electronic Learning Network and Digital Multimedia Infrastructure for Nakhchivan State University, the Ambassador expressed his confidence in the further development of educational ties between Azerbaijan and Korea.

According to Rector of Nakhchivan State University Isa Habibbeyli the university headed by him cooperates with more than 80 universities worldwide. Noting relations with Korea have a special place in the existing cooperation, the Rector added that there are currently 324 students from 10 countries studying at university. Moreover, he noted that seven Korean students are currently studying at three levels of study of the university. According to him, they will consider sending one student, who will have the best results for learning Korean language at South Korean Language Learning Center operating at Nakhchivan State University, to summer school in Korea. He also informed about works done within the student exchange program, measures to be implemented as part of the grant agreement, and etc.

Next, the grant agreement between the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea for the establishment of Electronic Learning Network and Digital Multimedia Infrastructure at Nakhchivan State University was signed. The agreement was signed by Education Minister Misir Mardanov and Ambassador of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Azerbaijan Choi Suk-Inn. It was noted that, the main goal of the agreement is to create a portal to render online e-services for students, such as distance education, e-library and digital multimedia infrastructure.

The ceremony was attended by Resident Representative of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to Azerbaijan Kim Eun Suk.