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Education Minister Misir Mardanov expressed his satisfaction with the meeting with the guests at the Ministry of Education. Noting the visit of delegation led by him to Switzerland in December of last year was successful, the Minister stressed that the meetings held during the visit were devoted to the expansion of educational cooperation between the two countries and the existence of efficient conditions for the development of relations.

The Minister gave detailed information on the visit and underlined that his meeting with State Secretary for Education and Research was devoted to the establishment of relations between universities of both countries, increasing the number of Azeri students studying in Switzerland, the exchange of students, teachers and researchers, as well as establishment of relationship between general secondary and vocational education institutions. According to the Minister, the Swiss State Secretary for Education and Research was invited to pay a visit to Azerbaijan. Noting a delegation led by him became acquainted with a number of Swiss universities and schools, and held a meeting with Azeri students studying at universities of Switzerland, the Minister expressed his satisfaction with the visit. According to him, the visit will contribute to the development of bilateral relations in the education field.

Noting the training within the International Baccalaureate Program has begun to be implemented at school-lyceum No.6, the Minister said that the work in this direction is carried out with the support of relevant structure operated in Bern and Swiss experts have visited Azerbaijan in this regard.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Switzerland to Azerbaijan Sabine Ulmann Shaban thanked the Minister for warm welcome. She talked about the current relations existing between Switzerland and Azerbaijan, and underlined the need to expand cooperation in the education field. The guest also expressed her satisfaction with the successful visit of the Minister to her country.

The Ambassador gave information on scholarship program for doctoral level studies and stressed that Azeri students can benefit from the program. According to her, they are planning to organize meetings at universities of Azerbaijan to give students information on the relevant program.

She highly praised the development of educational ties between the two countries and touched on an issue of establishing cooperation in the vocational education field.

Deputy Regional Director of Switzerland Development and Cooperation Organization for the South Caucasus Mathias Feldman suggested cooperating in the vocational education field, especially in the agricultural area to organize vocational training. According to the guest, this work will increase service level of farmers, attract people working for the agricultural area to the education, and, overall, will contribute to the development of agricultural field.

Misir Mardanov underlined the importance of scholarship program and stressed the need to implement the preparatory work in this regard and give a presentation in the Ministry of Education.

Noting the vocational education field is one of the priority areas in the policy implemented under the leadership of the country's President, Education Minister gave information on works carried out in the relevant direction. According to him, relevant support will be provided for the implementation of new projects in this direction. The Minister also suggested creating relationship within the School Twinning Project between school-lyceum No.6 of the Ministry of Education and the relevant secondary school of Switzerland.

At the meeting, the sides also exchanged views on other issues of common interest.