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Education Minister Misir Mardanov expressed his pleasure from meeting the guest at the Ministry. He talked about the relations existing between Australia and Azerbaijan, and stressed the importance of further development of educational cooperation between the two countries.

The Minister talked about the study of Azeri youth at the world's top universities within the "State Program for the study of Azeri youth abroad for the period of 2007-2015" stressing 21 Australian universities were included in the "List of universities selected for study of Azeri youth abroad." According to him, currently, there are Azeri students studying at some universities of Australia.

He talked about the need to give more information about Australian universities to Azeri students noting steps taken in this direction will have a positive effect on the increase in the number of Azeri students wishing to study at Australian universities. Misir Mardanov expressed his belief that the expansion of relations in various fields of education between the two countries, inter-university cooperation, joint conferences and symposiums, as well as organization of mutual visits will contribute to the development of relations.

Australian Ambassador Ian Biggs thanked Education Minister Misir Mardanov for the warm welcome. He stressed the importance of developing educational ties and expanding bilateral cooperation between Australia and Azerbaijan. He highly praised the study of Azeri students at Australian universities within the relevant State Program noting it will play an important role in strengthening mutual educational ties.

Further, the sides exchanged views on other issues of common interest