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Education Minister Mikayil Jabbarov expressed his pleasure at meeting with the guests at the Ministry and underlined special importance of education field in the bilateral relations between the two countries. Noting the importance of developing relations with Turkey in the higher education field, the Minister said that it will have positive impact on the development of higher education system of Azerbaijan.

Rector of Gazi University Suleyman Buyukberber congratulated Mikayil Jabbarov on his appointment as Education Minister and wished him success in his new role. He expressed his pleasure at visiting Azerbaijan and thanked the Minister for the warm welcome.

Rector of Gazi University talked about meetings held by the delegation at higher education institutions of Azerbaijan and signing of relevant documents for the expansion of existing cooperation. Moreover, Suleyman Buyukberber gave detailed information about the Gazi University noting the university, which is one of the best universities of Turkey, attaches particular importance to the relations with universities of Azerbaijan.

Noting there are currently 80,000 students studying at Gazi University, including 1500 international students, the Rector stressed their interest in increasing the number of Azeri students studying in different specialties at Gazi University. He also talked about issues concerning works implemented within the realization of joint program for granting double diplomas at Gazi University and stressed the possibility of sharing this experience with Azerbaijan.

Education Minister Mikayil Jabbarov thanked S. Buyukberber for the detailed information and the importance given by him to the development of relations with Azerbaijan. Noting rules to regulate management, financing and, etc. issues at the University are of interest, the Minister expressed his belief that the cooperation between Azeri universities and Gazi University will yield fruitful results.

Education Minister noted that Azeri youth are sent to the top universities in the world to study in priority for the country specialties within the State Program for the study of Azeri youth abroad for the years 2007-2015, signed by President Ilham Aliyev. He talked about the main goals of the program and stressed that the policy to meet the need of the country in cadres with modern skills was launched by national leader Heydar Aliyev in 70-80th of the 20th century. Noting the transition of oil capital into human capital is one of the priorities of the state policy in Azerbaijan, the Minister underlined his belief that study of Azeri students in priority for the country specialties at prestigious Turkish universities will yield positive results.

Next, the sides exchanged views on other issues of common interest, and put forward some proposals regarding the development of relations.