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The main purpose of the events of "Azerbaijani day" is to develop bilateral relations among higher educational institutions of Azerbaijan and France, evaluate the opportunities on implementation of joint programs and exchange of student and teacher.

Taking part in the opening ceremony, Antoine Grassin, Campus France Director highlighted the importance of Azerbaijani day. The agency director noted his interest in the development of bilateral relations, stressed the participation of nearly 10 leading universities of Azerbaijan in this important event and said that it's a striking examples of cooperation between the two countries in the field of education.

Elchin Amirbayov Azerbaijani ambassador in France and Pascal Meunier France ambassador in our country stressed existence of the high level of cooperation between the two countries and significant expansion of the cooperation in recent years.

Alain Beretz, President of the University of Strasbourg spoke about cooperation in the field of bilateral programs, student and teacher exchange and scientific researches. Beretz also noted that, as a follow of the event, the delegation of French education employees would visit Azerbaijan in March of this year..

On behalf of the Ministry of education, Firudin Gurbanov, Deputy Education Minister expressed his gratitude to the Administration of Campus France for organization of such an event with the participation of the leading staff of the universities of Azerbaijan and France.

Emphasizing the historical relations between two countries and expansion of Azerbaijan and France relation in recent years, Firudin Gurbanov said that national leader Heydar Aliyev attached great importance to cooperation with France and this policy was successfully continued by Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of Azerbaijan and MP Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, the President of Heydar Aliyev Foundation.

The Deputy Minister spoke about the country's socio-economic development. He brought the works done for modernization of the infrastructure, measures taken under "National Education Development Strategy of Azerbaijan Republic", establishment of SABAH groups, one of the most important initiatives in higher education field to notice of the participants. Gurbanov also noted that Azerbaijani youth are educated in the leading universities of the world, including higher education institutions of France.

Then, the numerous questions of the representatives of French universities on cooperation between two countries in the field of education were answered.

At the event, the leading staff of Campus France and French universities made presentations on education opportunities of France and current cooperation projects.

Azerbaijani students studying at the French universities who attended the event gave information about the high schools they got educated.