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The Minister of Education underlined the relevant decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the appointment of Mustafa Babanli to the post of Rector of Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry and wished success to the new rector in his future endeavors and undertakings.

The Minister noted that Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry has its special place in the higher education system of Azerbaijan Republic. The Minister of Education said that the experts, who have graduated from this educational institution, make a valuable contribution to the economy of Azerbaijan Republic and a number of countries of the world, as well as they are known for their great successes. He also mentioned that this higher education institution is the pioneer of Azerbaijani science and education, at the same time, the major center for innovation in the field of oil industry. Noting the sphere of activity has been opened up in Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry in accordance with new challenges, the Minister of Education emphasized the importance of the use of both institutional experience and opportunities of young professionals. This approach, which is a crucial link for the establishment of a transparent scientific environment, provides new opportunities for the university in the direction of potential personnel training for other sectors of industry. The new development strategy of Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry will be prepared with the assistance of the Ministry of Education in this field and the international experience in the field of higher education will be used. The newly appointed Rector of the university has heavy commitments on all these and other affairs.

Mustafa Babanli, Rector of Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry, expressed his gratitude to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the confidence shown to him and said that he would do his best in order to fulfill his duties at the highest level. He also noted that together with the staff of the university, they would mobilize all available opportunities for the implementation of the new targets of Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry.

It should be noted that according to the relevant decree of the President of Azerbaijan Republic, Azerbaijan State Oil Academy changed its name to Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry on September 3.

According to another decree of the President, Mustafa Babanli was appointed to the post of Rector of Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry.

Mustafa Babanli graduated with honors from the faculty of Engineering and Physics, Faculty of Physics of Metals at the National Technical University of Ukraine in 1989. He started his career as an engineer-technologist at Special Construction Technological Bureau of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences. Mustafa Babanli received post-graduate education at the Institute of Physics of Metals of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in 1990-1992. He earned PhD in physics and mathematics, having defended his thesis "Physics of Solids" in 1993. Mustafa Babanli defended his doctoral thesis at the Azerbaijan Technical University in 2008 and received his degree of Doctor of Technical Science in "Materials Science". He is a member of the Dissertation Council of the Azerbaijan Technical University and the Methodical Coordinating Council under the Ministry of Education. He worked as an assistant (1996-2001), associate professor (2001-2010), professor and vice-rector for International Relations (2010-2015) at the Metallurgy and Metal Science Chair of the Azerbaijan Technical University.

He is the author of more than 140 scientific articles, 6 inventions, 5 textbooks, 1 manual and 4 monographs. His articles were published in prestigious scientific journals of France, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine, the Netherlands and other countries. He led a number of international scientific projects.