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The Department of Accreditation and Nostrification of the Ministry of Education organized an international conference on “The role of accreditation in quality assurance in education” on December 2.

Participants in the event included Minister of Education Mikayil Jabbarov, members of parliament, heads of higher education institutions, local and international education experts, as well as representatives of foreign accreditation organizations.

The conference aimed to discuss a wide range of issues, including quality management, challenges in the field of accreditation, best practices and future cooperation prospects.

Minister of Education Mikayil Jabbarov underlined the importance of innovative approaches in quality assurance in education. Mikayil Jabbarov highlighted the establishment of the Department of Accreditation and Nostrification of the Ministry of Education. “In parallel, we also began work on regulatory documents. New accreditation rules are based on the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area.” The minister said: “Our main expectations from the conference are to discuss prospects for future cooperation between the Department of Accreditation and Nostrification of the Ministry of Education and international accreditation organizations and agencies and also to bring best practices in improving quality in education to Azerbaijan.”

Vice president of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Isa Habibbayli, acting head of the Department of Accreditation and Nostrification of the Ministry of Education Samir Valiyev, president of Kazakhstan’s Quality Assurance Agency Sholpan Kalanova, director of the Georgian National Center for Improvement of Quality Education Tamar Sanikidze, director of the Russian Agency of Quality Assurance in Higher Education and Career Development Erika Soboleva and head of the Higher Education Department of Finland’s Education Assessment Center Helka Kekalaynen highlighted the establishment of the system of education quality assurance and shared their experience.

The conference then continued its work in panel sessions that heard reports from representatives of the European University Association, leading Latvian, British, German, Georgian and Finnish accreditation agencies, Khazar University and Azerbaijan University of Languages.