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## Meeting Academic Leaders from Azerbaijan

It was a pleasure to meet with inspirational academic leaders from Azerbaijan during the QS EduData Summit 2025 in Singapore. The discussions were enriching and highlighted the potential for collaboration in higher education.

Among the distinguished attendees were:

- Professor **Elchin Babayev**, Rector of **Baku State University**
- Professor **Ulviyya Abbasova**, Deputy Vice Rector for International Relations at **Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University • ASOIU**
- Dr. Jala Karimova, Leading Advisor at the **State Agency for Science and Higher Education**

Previously, I had the privilege of sharing a panel with the visionary director of the State Agency for Science and Higher Education, Dr **Ulker Sattarova**

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to **Sergei Khristoliubov**, the QS Regional Director for Central Asia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey, for facilitating these invaluable connections. During the conference, I engaged in extensive discussions with Professor **Ulviyya Abbasova**, exploring opportunities for collaboration alongside my colleague, **Steve DCunha**.

Together, we are paving the way for innovative partnerships that can enhance academic excellence and foster international cooperation. Looking forward to visiting Azerbaijan soon in order to strengthen collaborations between ADU and institutions in this country.

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