

Misir Mardanov, Minister of Education, gave a presentation on works done in 2010, and noted the importance of the last year in terms of country development. Talking about great deal of care and attention paid by the President to the education, the Minister, underlined last year, President Ilham Aliyev and his spouse, Mehriban Aliyeva, president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, took part in the opening of 16 new schools, completely reconstructed educational establishments, as well as met with teachers and students. He noted that the President signed 37 executive orders, and 2 degrees on education in 2010. Moreover, 411 education workers were awarded by the state prize. According to the Minister, in 2010, the education development was one of the priorities of the Cabinet of Ministries of the Azerbaijan Republic. Thus, there were signed 32 executive orders in this direction. Further, Mr. M. Mardanov gave information on education spending in 2010, as well as implemented State programs and projects, steps taken in the pre-school education area, problems and future plans. He noted last year, there was built and gave to use 3 new kindergartens by the initiative of Heydar Aliyev Foundation, 77 pre-school establishments were completely renewed, repair works were held at 31 institutions, and 151 establishments were supplied with equipments.

Education Ministers has talked about reforms implemented in the general education area, development of school infrastructure, new school and extra buildings that was built in the last year. Moreover, he informed on works done in the field of provision schools with equipments and laboratories, improvement of school libraries, steps taken within the implementation of curriculum reforms, as well as in areas of monitoring and assessment. The Minister stressed that the test and final exams will be held in 7 regions of the country this year. He also noted the number of exam questions on subjects has been optimized and prepared examination entry forms for pupils.

Furthermore, the Minister gave information on results of university admissions, and works carried out among talented school children in 2010. He listed achievements reached in the deinstitutionalization field, measures done within the implementation of textbook policy, and works done in the areas of staff provision and admission of teachers. Moreover, the Minister gave information on informatization of the education system, works done in the extra school, initial vocational, secondary special and higher education areas. He also talked about main activity directions, future challenges, study of Azeri youth abroad, and foreign students in Azerbaijan, as well as organization of works in the additional study field, and other issues.

Speaking about reception of citizens, consideration of queries M. Mardanov underlined that last year, the Ministry received 51552 documents. According to him, 23600 out of them were queries, and 27952 letters. It also was that, the Hotline service received 13232 calls in 2010.

Representatives of the Cabinet of Ministries, some government bodies, NGO's, MP's, university rectors, famous intellectuals, directors of district and city education departments, as well as schools participated in the meeting have noted the importance of the presentation. Ali Ahmedov, executive secretary of New Azerbaijan Party, Bahar Muradova, deputy chairwoman of Milli Mejlis (Parliament), Sattar Mehbaliev, chairman of the Azerbaijan Trade Unions Confederation, Maleyke Abbaszadeh, chairwoman of State Students Admission Commission have noted the attention paid to the education field by the president, and positively assessed works done by the Education Ministry within the implementation of education policy. They also expressed hope for successful execution of reforms carried out in the relevant direction and solution of existing problems.

**[Report presentation on the theme of "Results of 2010 and the future challenges for 2011" presented by the Minister of Education, Misir Mardanov at the Board meeting.](#)**