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Having welcomed attendees, Education Minister congratulated 28 teachers (10 primary school, 10 math, and eight Azerbaijani language and literature teachers) on passing to the next level of the competition, and wished every success to them.

The Minister underlined the Best General Secondary School and Best Teacher competitions, which conducted in accordance with the presidential order signed in 2007, have been held for four years demonstrate the attention and care of the Azerbaijani government to the education and educators. He informed that in the current year 425 teachers have participated in the competition and 217 of them passed to the next level. The majority of teachers are primary school (57 people) and English language (35) teachers.

According to the Minister in comparison with past years, this year there was established just one Commission per subject. He estimated this as a very useful method for objective chose of teachers, and expressed assurance that Expert Commission will be impartial in its estimation and will assess participants in accordance with the results of collective discussion.

Further, the Minister noted the relevant timetable for attending the teacher's classes was prepared, and participants will be invited to the Ministry the day before of test lessons to become acquainted with conditions of schools where the test lessons will be organized. He also gave information on the procedure for the definition of the theme of lessons. Furthermore, he noted the lessons will be assessed on 12 criteria, and one teacher will be allowed taking part in the lesson of other. The Minister added that all lessons will be filmed, and the commission's decision will announce after analysis of the lesson. According to the Minister, participants who will dissatisfy with the commission's decision may address a written request to the Ministry within three days.

The Minister noted that after this level will complete each teacher will give a 10 minute presentation at the Ministry about the main directions of its activity, success, educational problems it offers. The final score of the teachers will be defined by adding total scores gained by them in each level.

At the end there were answered to questions of teachers and was held a discussion on other issues connected with the competition.