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Speaking at the opening of the meeting Education Minister Misir Mardanov talked about innovations and positive progresses achieved in preparing textbooks in recent years. Touching upon problems existing in the relevant field, the Minister stressed that polygraph publications companies and authors selected by them, as well as Textbook Assessment Council are bearing responsibility for their existence. He talked about increasing responsibility of Textbook and Publication Department of the Ministry and underlined the importance of paying attention to issues, such as, experts' selection, effective organization of their activity, timely publication and distribution of textbooks. The Minister added that polygraph publications companies should increase the quality of textbooks, improve their design, and strengthen works regarding editing and correction of books. Moreover, no one shall interfere with or obstruct experts' work, and the decisions made by Textbook Assessment Council should be treated with respect. The Minister also touched upon the need to organize the activity of the Council efficiently, stressing that each member of the Council should take responsibility for decision-making, and provide scientific and practical assistance to experts taken an active part in the assessment.

Mr. Mardanov noted that the Council should change the composition of experts and accept new members, who shall attend relevant courses. The Minister gave his recommendations in this regard. According to the Minister, 13 polygraph publications companies have addressed to the Tender Committee to prepare and print textbooks for I and V classes of comprehensive schools for 2012/2013 academic year. He added that the Textbook Assessment Criteria were revised and developed by considering relevant suggestions, and approved in accordance with the presentation gave by Textbook Assessment Council.

Head of Textbook and Publication Department of the Ministry Faig Shahbazli, members of Textbook Assessment Council, MPs Musa Gasimli and Nizami Jafarov, other members of Council Sabir Mirzayev, Mirzali Murguzov, Jeyran Bayramova, Valida Mammadova, as well as director of publishing company 'Tahsil' Bahruz Akhundov and director of publishing company 'Altun + kitab' Rafiq Ismayilov made a speech expressing their thoughts and suggestions on discussed issues.