
It should be noted that Distance Education Centre is one of the main components of Electronic Training Systems implemented within State Program for Informatization of Education System of Azerbaijan Republic for the years of 2008-2012, and provides secondary education for pupils in need of special care through distance teaching methods. The main goal of Electronic Training Systems is to attract disabled children to distance learning, support their integration into society and enhance their IT skills.

30 pupils and 7 teachers were presented Apple MacBook laptops within the project and pupils were connected to Azerbaijan Education Network from their homes. Classrooms selected to conduct control over the teaching process are provided with fiber optic high speed Internet access. Moreover, methodological manual on ICT usage was prepared for teachers, pupils and parents.

The event was attended by Education Minister Misir Mardanov, MP Kamila Aliyeva, rectors of universities, representatives of Baku city Education Department, NGOs, school directors and other guests.

At first, the guest became familiar with Distance Education Centre established in the school and watched the process of distance education.

Next, the event was continued in the Assembly Hall of the school.

After the opening ceremony, the director of Nobel – T Company Salam Aliyev gave a presentation about the project.

Methodist Expert of the Centre Roza Gasimova gave a presentation about the web portal www.mesafedenmekteb.edu.az.

Speaking at the opening of the event Education Minister Misir Mardanov welcomed the event attendees and expressed his satisfaction with another successful step taken in the education system of the country. He stressed the importance of attracting children in need of special care to distance education and talked about benefits of the project.

Education Minister has thanked everyone who have contributed to the project and stressed the need for the further expansion of project. He expressed his belief in the successive implementation of the project. According to him, there is still much work to do.

Next, director of School No. 20 Sabir Mamishov talked about done works on using ICT in teaching process and achieved successes.

Melahet Shirinli made a speech on behalf of parents and expressed her appreciation for the educational care provided to children in the need of special care.