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The event was opened by Education Minister Misir Mardanov. He welcomed the attendees and talked about the new subject curriculum implemented at secondary schools of Azerbaijan over 5 years stressing the progress made in this direction and future responsibilities. Moreover, he stressed an important role of intra-school assessment in applying new subject curriculum and the need for conducting necessary works in that regard.

The Minister has also noted a need to organize this work at regions of the country at a high level and attract staff of relevant institutions to the organized events. Moreover, he underlined the conduction of intra-school assessment training courses for teachers, monitoring and other works.

The Minister has also talked about the content of intra-school assessment. According to him, the successful implementation of curriculum reform has a close tie with conduction of assessment within the relevant rules. Noting the importance of such events the Minister stressed the need to establish a working group to hold intra-school assessment. Mr. Mardanov stressed the importance of preparing relevant recommendations based on an international experience, works carried out in the country in this direction, and gave his instructions.

Next, Director of Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Education Tarana Hajiyeve gave a presentation entitled "Intra-school assessment: problems and future responsibilities." According to her, the Department developed a new theory and execution mechanisms for intra-school assessment in 2003 with the support and advice of international organizations, and a new assessment system has been implemented in the primary education level since 2008/2009 academic year. She added that "Assessment concept in the general education system of the Republic of Azerbaijan" was developed and approved by the order 9 of Cabinet of Ministers of 13 January 2009. Noting the concept includes principles, essential features and mechanism of intra-school assessment, the Head of Department gave detailed information on components of assessment (diagnostic, formative and summative assessments), features of traditional and new assessment, results of monitoring held in different academic years and etc. T. Hajiyeve also talked about steps taken to address existing problems in formative assessment, planned works and put forward relevant proposals.

Speaking at the event Head of Department for General Education in Rural Areas Aydin Ahmadov and Head of Strategic Analysis, Planning and Personnel Management Farzali Gadirov noted the importance of the meeting regarding preparation of instructions for the new intra-school assessment system and emphasized responsibilities laid upon teachers in this regard.

At the end of the meeting, there were heard opinions and suggestions regarding the discussed issue.