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Education Minister Misir Mardanov gave detailed information on the Effective School Project jointly conducted with the Ministry of Education and Public Association "Modern Education and Training Support Centre" within the Second Education Sector Development Project. According to the Minister, the main goal of the project implemented during the period 2010-2012 is to improve the school management, create school-based training system to provide the professional development of teachers and strengthen the relationship between school and parents.

Noting a total of 12 schools, including 3 schools from Baku and 9 from other cities of the country participated in the project, the Minister said that the project was divided into six components. He talked about works done within these components, conducted training courses, training trips of school directors of the pilot schools, educational events and preparation of visual aids for schools. Stressing a school's mission has dramatically changed in the information century, the Minister underlined the importance of improving the working methods of the modern schools to keep up with world trends.

Program director for education policy of Public Association "Modern Education and Training Support Centre" and head of Effective School Project Elmina Kazimzade gave detailed information on the Project. According to her, the main goal of the Project is to provide the professional development of teachers to ensure sustainable development of the schools. Noting, for the present 12 schools are participated in the project, E. Kazimzade underlined the possibility of using e-multimedia disc of the project and relevant electronic aids at other schools.

Project Coordinator Vafa Yagublu gave detailed information on the implemented works and their results.

Director of school No. 16 of Shirvan city Chingiz Shiraliyev, director of lyceum "Zakalar" Aygun Ahmadli, director of school No. 6 of Lankaran Akif Khaligov and director of Natural Sciences Gymnasium of Sumgayit Nizami Ahmadov made a speech on the themes of activity and professional level development of teachers at schools, effective management of schools and co-management, development of school environment and methods to teach inclusive education, and the role of Effective School Project in the accreditation process.

Education Minister expressed his hope that the pilot project will help to define the sustainable development directions of the school and provide the formation of the best school model in the country. Noting the importance of using the experience gained by pilot schools at other schools, the Minister expressed his confidence that this would contribute to the quality improvement of education and school management.

At the end, the meeting attendees discussed the results of the project, voiced relevant suggestions, and received answers to questions taken from them.