## "By supporting the initiative by the Ministry of Education President Ilham Aliyev has once again demonstrated that he is the President of each Azerbaijani citizen and supports the provision of equal opportunities for each graduate." - Mikayil Jabbarov

As a result of appeal from the Minister of Education to President IIham Aliyev, the President has or ordered to expedite the review process of the appeal of the Ministry for the issue of school leaving coertificate to all graduates of secondary schools. Based on the Order, relevant state authorities have completed the process for considering the issue in a short period of time and submitted their proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

According to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan of 23 May 2013, relevant-amendments were made to the legislative acts regulating the procedures for granting school leaving certificate and other educational documents Based on the adopted decision, all pupils of 9th cleases regardless of their annual assessments are allowed to take final examinations. They are also erentitled to receive a certificate reflecting the results of final attestation regardless the assessments received at the final examination.

Graduates of 11th classes, who have received positive annual assessments ((3 or higher) from all subjudgets, are allowed toktake part in the final exampt Attestation scores of these graduates are an average assessment derived from annual assessments of 10th and 11th classes, and the exam results.

As a result of the decision, the vast majority of graduates will have the opportunity to participate in entrance examinations to higher and secondary special education institutions and take an active part in the social life of the country.

It should be noted that the number of pupils not holding school leaving certificates in 2010, 2011 and 2012 have reached 22, 24 and 10.5 percent of total number of graduates, respectively.