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The Ministry of Education has launched a broad social propaganda campaign for the initial vocational education.

The main goal of the campaign is to convey information to the public about ongoing reforms in the relevant direction, and boost young people's interest in initial vocational education institutions.

Many important decisions have been made as a result of the policy provided by President Ilham Aliyev in the past few years to raise the status of initial vocational education. The continuation of successful economic development process of the country has increased the need for qualified personnel.

The Ministry of Education has launched Modern Azerbaijan Professionals Project to expand the scope of vocational education system and improve the quality of personnel training. The goal of the project is to establish modern pilot vocational education institutions.

It is planning to open "Master for dry construction" class at Baku Vocational School No.14 (supported by KNAUF), "Carpenter, joiner and master for parquet flooring" (supported by BOSCH), "Hairdresser" classes (supported by Eldar Studio) at Baku Vocational School No.18, and Resource Center in "Electrical/gas welder" specialty at Baku Vocational Lyceum No.4 (supported by the Government of Belarus).

Moreover, it is planning to open Resource Center at Baku Vocational School No.14 in cooperation with CCC (Consolidated Contractors Company) - one of the biggest construction companies in the world. The Center will train personnel in electrical/gas welder, pipe installation, plumber and sanitary technician specialties. For the first time, graduates will be awarded an international degree. International experts will be involved in the education process of the Center.

### **Modern Azerbaijan Professionals Project**

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