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Firstly, the congress participants visited the Alley of Honors to pay a tribute to the nationwide leader Heydar Aliyev, laid bunch of flowers. A prominent ophthalmologist, academician Zarifa Khanum Aliyeva has also been paid tribute. Then martyrs of struggle for independency and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan have been commemorated and carnations been laid on their graves.

Ramiz Mehdiyev, head of President's Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Elchin Afandiyev, deputy of Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Fatma Abdullazade, head of Humanitarian Policy Department of the President's Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mikayil Jabbarov, Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Akif Alizade, president of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Sattar Mehbaliev, chairman of Azerbaijan Trade Unions Confederation, Maleyka Abbaszade, chairman of the State Students Admission Commission, Piri Nagiyev, Minister of Education of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic, members of parliaments, representatives of employers organizations, NGO representatives, heads of general school, first vocational special, secondary special and higher education establishments, local educational entities, authoritative teachers and intelligent have been participating at the XIV Congress for which the representatives have been selected from all regions of Azerbaijan.

Fatma Abdullazade, head of Humanitarian Policy Department of the President's Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan, noted the congratulation letter to the congress participants by Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

[Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, greeted the congress participants and wished successes to the teachers' XIV congress.](#)

Akif Alizade, president of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Piri Nagiyev, Minister of Education of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic, Sattar Mehbaliev, chairman of Azerbaijan Trade Unions Confederation, Maleyka Abbaszade, chairman of the State Students Admission Commission, Bakhtiyar Aliyev, member of the Parliament, Ramiz Humbatov, vice-chancellor of Baku High Oil School, Fariz Ismayilzade, vice-chancellor of Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, Mahabbat Valiyeva, principal of lyceum named after Zarifa Aliyeva, Zaur Muradov, director of Ismayilli Vocational Training Centre, Kamala Badalova, deputy principal of school lyceum complex #43 of Baku city, Taleh Shahbazov, teacher of history of Zengi lyceum, Rasmiyya Mammadova, head of methodical unit of Shusha Regional Education Department and Ilgar Valiyev, Azerbaijan managing partner of "Ernst & Yang Holdings" Company mentioned the significance of the Azerbaijani teachers' XIV congress from the standpoint of defining future development perspectives of educational system. Importance of assessment of the discussed issues has been emphasized due to conformity of Azerbaijan education with global educational traditions and human resources building in modern world.

At the congress the issues and duties arising from the "State Strategy for the Development of Education in the Republic of Azerbaijan" have been analyzed, interesting opinions been voiced towards realization of key directions and goals envisaged in the State Strategy. Besides, reforms to be implemented towards all stages and levels of learning, improvement of knowledge-based economy, steps towards response of educational system to human resources development challenges have been discussed.

Also, teacher's reputation, management, application of new funding mechanism, provision of efficient learning environment, improvement of learning quality and other important points have been voiced in speeches. During the discussions relevant suggestions have been stated, assumptions been made towards solution of upcoming duties.

Assurance has been expressed that new phase of the reforms, to be implemented for prominent place of Azerbaijan education in the world leading educational systems, would enable to achieve appropriate goals.

At the end, the congress resolution has been read.

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[The Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mikayil Jabbarov's speech at Azerbaijani teachers' XIV Congress](#)