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Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Maleyka Abbaszade, chairman of the State Students Admission Commission, independent experts, authors of manuals, heads of publishing houses, specialists of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences and staff of other appropriate units have been participating at the presentation.

The Minister of Education Mikayil Jabbarov stated that the developed "Textbooks Portal" serves to scientific and methodical monitoring of textbooks, manuals and other teaching means for general education subjects based on the Presidential Decree no.611, dated April 19, 2012 of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Minister noted requests regarding comments on the portal would be regularly clarified by authors of textbooks on behalf of the Ministry of Education and experts participating at the monitoring of textbooks on behalf of the SSAC.

The Minister of Education gave information on special attention in the "State Strategy for the Development of Education in the Republic of Azerbaijan" towards preparation of new textbooks, provision of pupils and teachers with appropriate selection of textbooks. Meanwhile, modern requirements request the educators not only to make the students assimilate the content of textbook, but also and more important indeed – to teach them how and where to gain needed knowledge. Therefore along with textbooks, mechanisms have to be formed to stimulate the preparation of training methodologies, methodical means, didactical materials and other training means for new curriculum and ICT-based educators towards the improvement of intelligence and personality. In order to improve the quality of textbooks, we plan to train intensively the authors of textbooks regarding the requirements of curriculum. Main objective of this task is to teach key requirements of curriculum, transformation of standards and sub standards into the content of textbook, explain the assessment criteria of textbooks.

The Minister noted that quality of textbooks and preparation process are just at the center of attention by educational community and society: "In some cases divergence of opinion, difference among the approaches of authors of textbooks, members of educational community analyzing the textbooks, experts and parents, also intense discussions result in unlike appearance of the objectives. But the reality is that the objective is the same. Each parent, author and expert taking part in education process has the same objective – more qualitative textbook in education system. We, as responsible units, shall enable civil exchange of views, analysis, and work process. The portal promises great hopes from this point of view".

The Minister of Education mentioned that the attempts should always be done towards improving the overall quality of textbooks. The first point is to identify and motivate the authors behind the education system, but with appropriate scientific and professional knowledge. Including the authors with only scientific knowledge is not satisfactory. Here we have lots of specialized topics. Here include issues such as children psychology, visual approaches in textbooks, today's content requirements, authors' acquaintance with standards, and contradictions between opinions of student, parent, teacher or expert and of author of the textbook.

Mentioning the significance of engaging the specialists working at higher education establishments in the process of textbook preparation, the Minister told there were comprehensive discussions with heads of universities with regard to this: "Taking part in the text preparation, the teachers and professional staff of higher education establishments will get additional sources of gains".

Then there were expressed opinions towards the necessity of "Textbook portal" development, its essence, structure, user regulations and concerning discussions were held.