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During the meeting, the Minister congratulated the students and wished them success in their education. Mikayil Jabbarov noted that the number of people applied for education within the State Program increased from year to year. As a result, the selection process was held under the conditions of high competitiveness during the competition organized for the academic year 2015-2016.

Highlighting the importance of study of Azerbaijani youth in the world's leading universities, the Minister expressed his confidence that they would make a worthy contribution to the dynamic development process of our country. The Minister of Education also noted that sending Azerbaijani youth to study in prestigious universities of the USSR since the 70-80s of the last century as a result of far-sighted policy of national leader Heydar Aliyev laid the foundation for a good tradition. Noting that the great leader paid special attention to young people getting a higher education abroad in the years of independence, the Minister mentioned that this policy is now being continued by President Ilham Aliyev. The Minister of Education also noted that the strategy for turning oil capital into human capital is one of the priorities of the state policy in Azerbaijan and the funds allocated for bringing up the youth at the level of modern requirements pave the way for more reliable guarantee of the prosperous future of the country and the people.

Despite the short period of time after the restoration of our independence, every year thousands of Azerbaijani students are admitted to the leading universities of the world and continue their education in foreign languages. It is based on solid foundations of education that they received in Azerbaijan.

The next group of students whose candidacy has been approved by the Education Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan will continue their education at the bachelor's, master's and PhD levels in the UK, USA, Germany and Australia. Among these students, there are young people who have admitted to the world's leading higher education institutions such as Columbia University, Oxford University, University College London, Imperial College London, the University of Adelaide. They will mainly study engineering, high-tech, chemistry, educational organization and management.

The admission of documents to the State Program on education abroad for the academic year 2015-2016 covered the period of April 15 - July 15, 2015. As in the previous years, along with the employees of the Ministry of Education, the representatives of other government agencies and higher education institutions participated in the interviews. During the interview, the main selection criteria were determined and it was required that the candidates should know the appropriate teaching language at the highest level, have sufficient knowledge of specialties that will be taught to them and have the intention of making a contribution to the development of our country, returning after completing their education.