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The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed the partnership agreement with the IP and Science division of Thomson Reuters, the leading global supplier of analytical information for businesses and professionals.

According to the agreement, Azerbaijani high education institutions will get full access to data from Thomson Reuters Web of Science®, the world's most trusted citation index for leading scholarly literature, namely to the Science Citation Index Expanded®, Social Sciences Citation Index®, Arts & Humanities Citation Index®, Conference Proceedings Citation Index® (CPCI), and to Thomson Reuters InCites™, the company's flagship, web-based research evaluation tool that allows users to analyze the productivity of scientific and educational institutions all over the world. Web of Science and InCites are currently used by over 7,000 premier universities, research institutions, government agencies, and business organizations from around the world.

Web of Science® data analysis will help scientific and educational institutions determine the most promising areas of research, and build effective development strategies.

According to Mikayil Jabbarov, the Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, "This partnership is designed to support the concept of development of our country, which is based on the idea of "converting black gold to human capital". We are confident that this cooperation will bring the scientific activities in our country to entirely new level of development."

President of Azerbaijan National Academy of Science Akif Alizadeh emphasized significance of access opportunities for high education institutions to the Web of Science® global scientific platform and InCites™ tool and stressed the importance of this document for the Azerbaijani science.

The project will be implemented in cooperation with Science Development Foundation under the President of Azerbaijan, which supports the research activities of Azerbaijani scientists as one of the priorities for the Foundation.

We are happy to cooperate with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereby promoting the development of research and education institutions in Azerbaijan. We are confident that wide access to the leading global scientometric platform of Thomson Reuters will help increase the number of publications of local researchers, provide a powerful impetus for development of science in Azerbaijan, and will also promote international cooperation," said Sameeh S. El-Din, President of Thomson Reuters for Government Projects in Developing Markets.

The Science Citation Index Expanded provides researchers, administrators, faculty, and students with quick, powerful access to the bibliographic and citation information they need to find research data, analyze trends, journals and researchers, and share their findings.

Moreover, the Social Sciences Citation Index and the Arts & Humanities Citation Index give access to a full list of research papers and bibliographic and citation information from the latest issues of scientific publications in social sciences and arts & humanities, essential for data mining and analyzing the trends.

Furthermore, the Conference Proceedings Citation Index helps researchers access the published literature from the most significant conferences and conventions since 1990, selecting from the vast volume of journal literature only the publications that will present most interest to the widest circle of researchers and scholars worldwide.

Azerbaijani higher education institutions will also get access to the Journal Citation Report (JCR) on the InCites information platform. Journal Citation Reports allow scholars to compare influence of various scientific journals, and choose the most appropriate journals for their own publications