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A ceremony was held on January 26 to lay a foundation stone for a new Vocational Education Center that will be established in accordance with the Korean education standards on the basis of Baku State Vocational Education Center on Industry and Innovations.

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony, acting minister, deputy minister of education Jeyhun Bayramov highlighted reforms carried out in the country in recent years to develop vocational education, and drew the audience's attention to key priorities of state policy in this area. He stressed the importance of "Strategic Roadmap for Development of Vocational Education and Training in the Republic of Azerbaijan". Jeyhun Bayramov noted the significance of establishing such centers in terms of preparing competitive specialists meeting the changing requirements of the labor market.

He said that under agreement reached by the Azerbaijani and Korean governments, a new exemplary educational institution will be created on the basis of Baku State Vocational Education Center on Industry and Innovations by providing it with the necessary equipment, teaching and training aids. Jeyhun Bayramov expressed his confidence that favorable conditions will be created at the Vocational Education Center in order to develop knowledge and skills of students. He also said that the establishment of such educational institutions is of particular importance to developing economy.

Head of the Department for Work with International Financial Organizations of the Cabinet of Ministers Nail Fataliyev, Korean ambassador to Azerbaijan Kim Chang gyu, president of Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD) Kim Dong Man highlighted cooperation between the two countries, particularly exchange in the field of education. The speakers expressed their confidence that the new center will play a vital role in preparing highly-qualified specialists meeting requirements of the labor market and building an effective vocational education model.

Under the project, the new center will feature the advanced resources and infrastructure and offer education and training in eight occupations: mechanics, electronics, electrical engineering, industrial installation, construction, information technologies, automobile and automation. The center will be created using the Korean curriculum and with involvement of Korean specialists.