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The 1,000,000th user of the "Virtual School" launched by the Ministry of Education has been successfully registered. This user is Hikmet Guluzadeh, a 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade student at Kalbajar district secondary school No. 56.

Today, the Virtual School project covers 935,000 students and 89,000 teachers across the country. To date, 1.1.5 million lessons have been taught through the portal, 1.3 million lesson materials have been distributed in virtual classrooms, and more than 100,000 assignments have been given to students.

It should be noted that the aim of the "Virtual School" portal, launched on April 2 with organizational support from the Ministry of Education, is to ensure the interactivity of TV lessons broadcast throughout the country and to provide distance learning opportunities. Everyday video and audio lessons are held on the portal the opportunities of which are expanded, TV lessons are watched, e-learning resources of the Ministry of Education are used, pedagogical councils with school administration and teachers are held in special groups, meetings with parents are held, weekly assignments are performed by students, online seminars and courses are organized for teachers, students and parents. Every weekend, live meetings are held on the portal, where successful samples of lessons conducted by teachers are presented and additional teaching opportunities of the portal are discussed. Regular meetings are also held with school principals and their deputies where the organization of the project's teaching process, education management and opportunities for the professional development of educators are discussed.

To date, the Ministry of Education has conducted online training for about 16,000 teachers to ensure the effective use of the portal. At present, online courses on robot technologies, programming and engineering have been launched for students. This is already for the seventh successive week, in order to increase healthy competition among students and test the knowledge learned, a "Virtual Excellence" knowledge contest is held. The first 10 students who answered correctly the test tasks presented on the portal earlier than others are announced as the winners of the week.