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A license giving to the Baku branch of Moscow State Open University by the Education Ministry had been cancelled.

The university had been registered in Justice Ministry of the Azerbaijan Republic in 1996, and licensed by the Russian Ministry of Science and Education in 2002 (re-licensed in 2007); the Education Ministry granted the license to the university by the order No.031973 dated on November 19, 2007.

In accordance with the Rules on granting license for some kinds of activity in Azerbaijan Republic approved by the Presidential decree, and order of the Education Ministry, adherence to the license terms and conditions is regularly being inspected in the educational institutions. By the appropriate order of the Education Ministry, a Working Group has been established to investigate the organization of teaching process in Baku branch of Moscow State Open University. The Working Group found out that the material-technical basis, and teaching, as well as methodical provision of the branch was not improving, quite the contrary became weaker. Serious shortcomings have been revealed in the study process, teaching of subjects in accordance with the programs and schedule, organizing department works, staff selection and recruitment, planning of the teaching load, paperwork, teaching groups, etc.

The above-mentioned and other shortcomings had been reflected on the Working Group' reference widely, as well as the issue has been discussed with the participation of the branch managements at the meeting of the Education Ministry' License Committee. As a result, the Committee passed a decision to cancel the license granted to the University, by the order No. 031973, dated on November 19, 2007.

Ed. Education Minister, Misir Mardanov signed an order concerning the mentioned issues. The reference of the Working Group and the decision of the License Committee meeting have been taken into account in the order.

According to the order, considering not much time until the end of the current academic year, the license given by the Ministry of Education to the Baku branch of the Moscow State Open University will be cancelled on September 12 2010. The University management except for students' admission, restoration, transfers, should ensure teaching organizing, and handed over information on students, who have studied and studying at University, as well as their assessment certificate extracted to the Education Ministry. The relevant departments of the Ministry obliged to inform appropriate government establishments, and mentioned university managements on cancelling the license of the Baku branch, as well as prepare proposals about the further education of the university' students.