

Having opened the event with opening speech, the Education Minister, Misir Mardanov talked about important works carrying out in the framework of "State program on the provision of secondary schools with the information and communications technologies in the Azerbaijan Republic" (2005-2007) approved by the presidential order. He noted that for the realization of the mentioned program were allocated 30 million manats from the state budget during the 3 years. The 80, 6 per cent of the means were spent for the procurement of technical equipment, 15 % for preparation of educational aids, 4 percent for holding training, 0, 4 % for the program management, the Minister added. According to him, in the framework of the program 3693 schools have received 31677 computers, 1103 laptops and projectors, 22059 UPS, 2060 printers and other ICT equipments, 28661 computer desks, 23346 chairs, created 1722 computer class at schools, and prepared electronic educational aids. Having talked about preparation of 37900 books in the Azerbaijan history subject, 15160 books in the chemistry, 22740 books in the biology, 10200 copies of electronic educational aids, the Minister noted the holding of training for 20000 teachers by local and international organizations.

Afterwards, Misir Mardanov gave information on works carried out in the framework of "State Program on Informatization of Education System in the Azerbaijan Republic for 2008-2012," and brought to the attention of the participants several statistical numbers. In the framework of the program was established the Information Resource Centre, 20 schools joined to the E-School project, 6226 computer equipments giving to the "E-schools" were modernized and delivered to the District Education Departments, in the substitution these schools received 300 new computers, the Minister said. Furthermore, he noted that schools selected in the framework of the pilot project "One pupil - one computer" in the cities of Baku and Sumgayit received 236 netbooks from the Education Ministry, and 100 from Intel Cooperation. Moreover, 500 educational institutions have been connected to the Azerbaijan Education Network, 5800 people were involved to the administrative management, 25180 people to the pedagogy and 800 to the technical staff training, as well as prepared legal normative documents for informatization of the education system. Misir Mardanov noted that 8 million 353 thousand manats in 2008, and 14 million 980 thousand of manats in 2009 were spent for the realization of these important works.

Moreover, at the event were talked about issues stipulated in the framework of the State Program for 2010 as well. The Minister stressed that, 400 educational institutions are about to connect to the Azerbaijan Education Network until the end of the current year, 2000 people will be attracted to the administrative management training, 2000 people from schools and 23 000 other pedagogical staffs will join to the "E-school" project. Moreover, 1500 computers giving to schools in 2005 will sent to the regions after modernization, as well as 10 schools from districts will be joined to the "E-school" project. The Minister also noted that 1500 netbooks are planning to be given to schools for extending the project of "One pupil - one computer."

Afterwards, Misir Mardanov mentioned a special role of the organization "Madad" in the application of ICT in the education, and expressed confidence that the cooperation with this organization will continued. He gave the floor to the head of "Madad" organization, Emil Mammadov with a view to obtaining information about ongoing works.

Emil Mammadov and Ulker Babayeva, a worker of the organization made a presentation about the history, purpose, activities of the organization; as well works, carried out during the last five years, and implemented projects. Moreover, were noted that the teacher training devoted to the application of ICT in the education process covered the 36 regions of the country, the relevant work was carried out in the 2500 schools and 90 training centers, as well as 95 people from teachers have become the winners of The Best teacher contest.

At the end, Vidadi Bagirov, the head of Sumgayit City Education Department and Almaz Asgerova, director of secondary school No 220 talked about works carried out by the organization "Madad".