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Education Minister, Misir Mardanov, in his speech noted the final examination of 9th and 11th grades of secondary schools will begin on June 3rd. He underlined that the 11th grade pupils will take examinations in 8, the 9th grade pupils in 2 subjects as in the previous year. The Minister outlined that in the current academic year 90134 pupils of secondary schools and professional lyceums have taken the test exam for the secondary education, 127796 pupils for the main education level. Having noted test exams holding in 294 exam centres of 4 regions in February, March and April, he added that 4437 pupils of professional lyceums took final exams on April 25.

According to the Minister, the 64, 71 per cent of 9th and 41, 25 % of the 11th grades pupils, who took part in final exams, had a good academic progress. Moreover, the examination process has been improved; pupils and parents' attitude in implementing exams in the centralized order have changed positively, the progress and quality percent of the exam results has increased. The Minister noted this growth increased more than ten per cent.

Mr. Mardanov draw attention to the final exam dates in 4 regions of the country and noted that exams in 11th grade will last 3, in 9th grade one-and-a-half hours. Afterwards, he added that pupils won the first place in the Subject Olympiads, as well as gained a success in different international Olympiads; knowledge and sport contests are free from exams.

The Minister reminded to exam supervisors the importance of personal responsibility in this work, and added all measures have been taken for the successful implementation of exams. He gave corresponding commissions and recommendations to exam supervisors, and called them to be active in the best performance of duties assigned to them.