

B. Bayram Huseynzadeh, Director of the Public Relations Department, informed about tasks, activities and structure of department, as well as allocation of staff duties. He also noted works done within the measures implemented in 2010. Having emphasized works executed by the Department in the last year, B. Huseynzadeh noted that participation of media representatives in approximately 200 events was secured, and conferences were held. Moreover, over 30 employees of the Ministry, famous educators and international consultants had participated in various television and radio broadcasts, were organized about 450 interviews with them, as well as official information, press releases and presentations were given to media.

He gave detailed information on the Round Table entitled "Educational institutions and Media: bilateral relations" organized jointly with the Press Council, the State Media Support Fund under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Baku city Education Department at school #60. According to him, the Round Table was held in accordance with the Action Plan signed in 2010 by the Ministry of Education and Press Council to improve cooperation with the media. Moreover, he talked about the regional conference on the theme of "Education and media" jointly organized in Horadiz, Fizuli, by the Ministry of Education, State Media Support Fund under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Press Council, and underlined that the heads of leading media, as well as directors of the Education Departments of Fizuli, Agdam, Agjabedi, Beylagan, Khojavand, Bilasuvar, Jabrail, Barda and Lachin districts attended the event.

B. Huseynzadeh noted that there was conducted the essay contest devoted to the 135th anniversary of the newspaper "Azerbaijan muallimi" among journalists on the theme of "Education and Media: support for increased professionalism." According to the results of the contest one person took the first, two the second and three the third places, and 10 journalists were awarded with incentive prizes. In addition, B. Huseynzadeh noted works done within the Public awareness sub-component of the Second Education Sector Development Project, as well as the content, usability and richness of the database of the official website of the Ministry of Education. He also noted a high interest in the website of the Ministry. Moreover, he stressed that the website of the Ministry of Education became the winner of the "Milli-Net-2010" competition.

Referring to significant changes in design, form and content of the Azerbaijan muallimi newspaper, Head of Department informed that the newspaper is printed in A3 format and consists of 16,224 and 32 pages. He stressed that a new website of the newspaper was given to use last year, as well as spoke about future responsibilities.

Naila Rzaguliyeva, Director of Baku city Education Department, spoke about the structure, areas of activity of Department, as well as works done to improve the education management, and gave statistical indicators of the number of teachers, schools and students. According to her, the average teaching load of teachers working at schools should amount to at least 18 hours, and it is a major demand for schools hiring teachers through the contest. She talked about pre-school and general educational institutions subordinated to the Department, as well as indicators of construction works, the provision ratio of one computer for 21 students studying in XI-V classes of secondary schools in Baku.

N. Rzaguliyeva said that 264 schools subordinated to the Department are connected to the Internet, and a number of educational institutions to the project "Electronic School." Touching upon the work done towards the use of audio-visual learning aids, N. Rzaguliyeva reported that in most schools of Baku biology, physics, chemistry and history subjects has been taught on the base of the electronic textbook. She stressed that compared to previous years in 2010-2011 school year 44.83% of graduates of Baku schools became students. According to her, this figure reached 48% along with the students studied abroad.

Noting there were conducted various knowledge competitions, subject Olympiads, essay contests, exhibitions and sports tournaments in 2010; N. Rzaguliyeva emphasized successes that have been reached. She said that last year, 5,867 teachers were involved in training courses, 2014 teachers in various topical courses, 1,681 teachers, who will teach in I-III grades, in curriculum based courses.

Further, Head of Department informed on works done to improve the methodology, workload of teachers, the steps taken for the transition to a single school uniform. She reported on applications and

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appeals received by the Department, enumerated indicators for acceptance of citizen, and offers made by them in order to successfully completed assignments.

At the end, Education Minister, Misir Mardanov expressed his opinion on reports and gave advice and instructions on several issues.