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The School Efficiency Project conducted by the Contemporary Learning and Education Assistance Centre (CLEAC) funded by the World Bank. The two-year project runs from November 2010. Two schools of Baku, and 9 from other parts of the country are participated in the project.

Speaking at the ceremony, Education Minister Misir Mardanov welcomed participants, and became acquainted with school's representatives.

Elmina Kazimzadeh, director of the Contemporary Learning and Education Assistance Centre, gave detailed information on the project. She noted the project aims to create learning environment at schools and build them as a learning organization. According to her, learning environment encompasses both school children and teachers. It also aims to increase pupils' achievements and develop the teachers. Moreover, the creation of distributed leadership, improvement of ICT skills of teachers and strengthen library as a learning centre serves to the main goals as well. E. Kazimzadeh underlined the importance of teacher quality in promoting student learning. According to her, leading schools of the country were selected to execute works within the project as an experiment.

Further, E. Kazimzadeh gave a presentation of the project on the theme of "First diagnostic stage results."

Uliyya Mikayilova, executive director of the Centre, Yuliya Karimova, program manager, and Aygun Aziova, ICT expert, gave information on the concept and components of the project, as well as its website.

Education Minister Misir Mardanov expressed hope that the pilot project will define the constant development directions of school, and inspire the formation of the good model for school. The minister noted his proposals for the activity of school's libraries, and underlined the importance of this issue.

At the end, there were held discussions on the first stage of the project, made relevant offers on future responsibilities and replied to questions of participants.