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The event was attended by Education Minister, Misir Mardanov, deputy ministers, representatives of the state bodies, international and non-governmental organizations, entrepreneurs, heads of relevant department and units of the Ministry, and directors of the educational institutions.

Education Minister, Misir Mardanov welcomed attendees and underlined the importance of this event for Azerbaijani education. He informed due to project realization, there were achieved a success in the preparation of new programs for initial vocational education (IVE).

Education Minister on his presentation entitled "Current situation, problems and prospects of the initial vocational education" gave information about situation in the student admission's field, its funding and problems existing at vocational education establishments. He underlined the great deal of attention was paid to this area after President Ilham Aliyev signed the decree on State Program for the development of vocational education in the Azerbaijan Republic in 2007-2012. He also touched upon projects implemented within the cooperation between initial vocational education institutions and entrepreneurs, as well as talked on works that will be executed for the development of vocational education.

Roland Kobia, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan, talked about works done by the EU to develop the initial vocational education system of Azerbaijan.

Mrs Annis Castis, Head of Vocational Education and Training Reform Strategy and Pilot Implementation in a selected region in Azerbaijan Project, international experts David Hardy and Alexander Siboni gave detailed information on procedures used to develop the VET system.

Further, Nizami Alekberov, Chief Executive of Ismayilli District, Vugar Alekberov, vice-president of Irof Improtex Group, Sevgim Rahimov, Merchants and Manufacturers' Union Chairman, Mammad Musayev, President of the National Confederation of Entrepreneurs (Employers') Organizations of Azerbaijan Republic gave a presentation on newly established Ismayilli Vocational Education Centre. There were underlined the main priority of the newly prepared National Strategy is the creation of close cooperation between state bodies and entrepreneurs.

At the end, Minister expressed confidence that Vocational Education and Training Reform Strategy and Pilot Implementation in a selected region in Azerbaijan Project will contribute to the development of the initial vocational education system in Azerbaijan.