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The meeting was attended by deputy ministers, heads of relevant departments of the Ministry, directors of higher and secondary educational institutions, vocational and secondary schools, district and city departments of education, and representatives of non governmental organizations.

Speaking at the meeting Education Minister Misir Mardanov noted at the meeting of Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic devoted to the results of 2010, which was held under the chairmanship of Mr. President Ilham Aliyev, was discussed the corruption, and in this regard serious duties were raised before the state bodies. Stressing that the fight against corruption is one of the key priorities of the state policy of the Azerbaijan Republic, the Minister underlined the importance of legal documents adopted in this field in recent years. He also spoke about the activities jointly carried out with relevant bodies.

Misir Mardanov noted works done within the National Strategy. According to him, since 2006 Working Group of the Ministry against corruption, which is consisting of representatives of NGO's and Hot Line Service, has operated at the Ministry. He informed that in 2010, the Ministry received 51,552 letters, appeals, petitions and complaints from citizens and government bodies, as well as accepted 77,251 people. The Minister talked about statistical indicators for the number and topic of applications and complaints of citizens, and stressed the monitoring should be held in the regions to find out the situation related to the corruption.

Stating that at the end of each year, reports of the central apparatus and departments of the Ministry are being considered, the Minister said that district and city departments of education, higher and secondary educational institutions should be involved in this process as well. He informed about application of the activity assessment system of the workers of the Ministry and district and city departments of education since 2008, and standards of ethical behavior were prepared and presented to all educational institutions. Moreover, the admission of teachers to work based on transparency and competition was received with satisfaction. The Minister informed that 288 teachers out of 1,815 who took part in the exams conducted by the computer to fill vacancies in secondary schools across the country for 2010-2011 school years were provided with work. Furthermore, there was created a new mechanism for the admission of directors to work.

The Minister noted the importance of improving the mechanism for conducting exams at educational institutions, increasing transparency and public control over the process. According to him, Hotline's service should be established at each educational institution. He informed that at all educational institutions were established Hotline Service to ensure the transparency of the exams. Moreover, Media, NGO, representatives of Foundation to Fight against Corruption, Transparency Azerbaijan Society, Center for Modern Education and Training Support, National Building Research Centre was involved in the exam process. The minister also said that in recent years exams were conducted in writing form and via the computer to prevent negative cases and ensure objectivity and transparency of the process.

Talking on the cancellation of licenses of Bakur branch of Moscow State Open University and Azerbaijan International University last year, Mr. Mardanov informed that students of these schools were transferred to other private universities.

According to Minister the Ministry implemented regular works to identify negative cases, violations of law, and took disciplinary measures against responsible persons committed the violation. The Minister noted that last year 108 people, including 4 heads of district education departments, 72 principals, five deputy directors, one director of out-of-school institutions, six directors of professional schools, one university teacher, 10 directors of kindergartens, nine chief accountants were fired. Moreover, 41 people received the final warning, and 115 get a reprimand.

Further, the minister spoke about the future responsibilities, noted the importance of improving the quality of education, protecting teachers and schools' reputation.