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Noting that their visit to France lasted from March 27 to April 3, head of Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Education Bayram Huseynzadeh gave a brief summary on the education system of France. According to him, pre-school establishments of France are functioned under different bodies. The general education consists of three levels: primary, main and full general education. The vocational training period lasts two years. Moreover, France has three-level higher education system: Licence (3 years), Master (2 years) and Doctor (3 years).

Mr. Huseynzadeh noted that education sector of France is managed by two authorities: Ministry of National Education, Youth and Community Life, and Ministry of Higher Education and Research. In order to save budgeted expenses some departments of both ministries are acting as a body. According to him, heads of departments are appointed by Prime Minister based on ministers' presentation; heads of different department sections are appointed by relevant ministers with consent of the government. Moreover, university rectors (presidents) are being chosen through elections. B. Huseynzadeh noted that rectors of 30 Academies (local education authorities) are appointed by the president of the country.

According to him, in 2010, spending on education from the state budget in France amounted to 60.6 billion euros. About 12 million pupils are studying, and 852,902 teachers are working at 66,172 secondary schools of the country. Salaries for teachers working at private schools are being paid by the state and vary between 1500-2300 euros, depending on the length of their teaching experience, diploma degree and age of children taught by them. B. Huseynzadeh informed that Baccalaureate Diploma (attestation) issued to the graduates completing the secondary education level is given them a chance to enter a university without taking an exam.

He informed that France has three universities, 215 engineering colleges, 220 higher commercial, management and financial institutions. The education at the state universities is free, but at private universities varies between 9000-30000 euros. The most popular specializations in France are economy, computer engineering and engineering.

Mr. Huseynzadeh gave information on meetings held within the visit to learn about the experience of cooperation of educational authorities of France with the Media. He also spoke about discussions held at Department for Reception of Foreign Delegations of International Pedagogical Research Centre, Ministry of National Education, Youth and Community Life, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, at the office of "Le Monde" newspaper and channel TV5 Monde, as well as at Paris Education Department of Regional Centre for Pedagogical Documentation. Moreover, he spoke about the positive aspects of the visit in terms of an exchange of experience.

At the end B. Huseynzadeh responded to questions from meeting attendees.

Director of Youth, Science and Education Programs of Public Television and Radio Broadcasting Company Jasarat Valehov has expressed his thanks on behalf of journalists, who have participated in the visit to France, and shared his impressions of the visit with the attendees of the meeting.