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The meeting was attended by Education Minister Misir Mardanov, head of Department for Strategic analysis, planning and personnel management Farzali Gadirov, director of Pre-school Education Sector Narmina Almagiyeva, director of Baku city Education Department Naila Rzaguliyeva and directors of pre-school establishments of the capital.

Speaking at the opening, Education Minister Misir Mardanov underlined that increasing of transparency and fighting corruption in the country is one of the major issues under the spotlight of the President Ilham Aliyev. Talking about works done in this direction, he noted that the Ministry of Education takes some steps to combat the corruption.

Touching on works done to develop pre-school education in the country in recent years, Mr. Mardanov said that a lot of kindergartens have been built or refurbished. He expressed his hope that the State Program on socio-economic development of Baku city and its districts for 2011-2013, which was issued by the President on May 4, 2003, will create the conditions for continuous improvement activities in the pre-school education field.

Noting the progress achieved in the education field, the Minister also underlined the existence of problems and shortcomings in this field. According to him, there have been taken some steps to eliminate negative elements in pre-school education. Moreover, the issue is always remained under the strict control.

The Minister gave information on 50 queries received from pre-school establishments by the Hotline Service of the Ministry from January to May of 2011. He enumerated facts reflected in these queries and expressed disappointment with the situation in the mentioned kindergartens. Moreover, he has made a serious warning to the heads of kindergartens, and put forward proposals for the removal of existing shortcomings. The Minister also instructed them to improve their work and increase a sense of responsibility. Talking on kindergartens about which the Service had received most complaints, Misir Mardanov instructed the Baku city Education Department to take relevant steps to improve these pre-school establishments. In addition he recommended to officials of the relevant establishments to regularly visit kindergartens and hold meetings with parents.