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The issues concerning the accreditation of Astara Pedagogical College, Baku State Communication and Transport College and Mingechevir Tourism College were discussed at the meeting. Moreover, at the meeting were discussed the criteria for determining compliance of activity of general-education institution with state education standards.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting, Education Minister Misir Mardanov stressed the importance of works done for accreditation of higher and secondary special-education institutions. He asked to speak the Chairperson of Commission of Astara Pedagogical College, chairperson of Foreign Language Commission of Baku Humanities College Sadagat Gafarova to give more information on accreditation of Astara Pedagogical College. Talking on criteria for determining compliance the activity of Astara Pedagogical College with state education standards and its status S. Gafarova informed the participants on the management of institution, its content and structure of curriculum, organization of training process, as well as number of teachers working at the college, work provision for its graduates and, etc.

Commission Chairman for accreditation of Baku State Communication and Transport College, Head of Switching Systems and Postal Services Department of Azerbaijan Technical University Elchin Gozalov stressed that the content of educational programs of the College submitted for accreditation complies with the relevant indicators, and gave detailed information on monitoring conducted at the institution. He also touched upon issues concerning its teaching staff; the signature stamp printed teaching materials for every 10 teachers over the past 5 years; Internet provision of the college and, etc.

Chairman of the Accreditation Committee, Dean of Faculty of Education of Azerbaijan Teachers Institute Razim Mammadov gave information about the results of accreditation held at Mingechevir Tourism College and presented the conclusion made by the Committee.

Next, there have been given answers to questions concerning each college, also voiced some opinions and suggestions.

At the end, the Accreditation Council has estimated the activity of each education institution as “satisfactory,” and granted to Astara Pedagogical College 70 out of 100 points required by the relevant indicators of criteria set for the status of the college, Baku State College of Communications and Transport received 61, and Mingechevir Tourism College 65 points, and has been made a decision on accreditation of relevant specialties.

Moreover, the ‘Criteria set for determining compliance of activity of general-education institution with state education standards’ has been approved at the meeting of the Accreditation Council, as well as underlined the appropriateness to consider some of the proposals.