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The meeting was initiated and organized by Azerbaijan National Parent + Teacher Associations and was attended by over 200 members of PTA from Baku, Ismayilli, Lankaran, etc. and society representatives. The goal of the meeting was to establish close collaboration between parents and teachers, create an effective communication environment, as well as help to solve some problems.

Education Minister welcomed the participants and stressed the usefulness of meetings and discussions periodically held with members of PTA over the last two years. Noting the society and parents are playing an integral role in the education process, the Minister highlighted the importance of taking into account ideas, wishes and suggestions of parents in the implementation of right education policy.

Next, Education Minister shared his views on educational issues raised by the society and submitted to the Ministry of Education by PTAs, including complexity of curriculum, increase parents' sense of responsibility, their little awareness of curriculum, large number of subjects in final exams, providing schools with hot school meals, teaching materials, etc. Noting the relevance of these problems the Minister underlined that some appropriate measures were taken to solve some of them.

The meeting was also attended by executive director of Azerbaijan National Parent + Teacher Associations Tarana Sharifova. She gave information on priority directions of the organization's activities, measures planning to be done in 2012, as well as expressed her views on expansion PTA's activities and positive impact of the public control over the school management on the quality of education.

Members of PTA, representatives of non-governmental organizations and head of schools have expressed their opinions on discussed issues. They noted the efficiency of these types of events, as well as the thorough and prompt consideration of their ideas and suggestions by the Ministry of Education, and talked about issues of concern for parents and society. Moreover, there was expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Education for the support to the activity of PTA.