Education Minister and Chairman of Organizing Committee of the ‘Best Comprehensive Secondary School’ and ‘Best Teacher’ contests Misir Mardanov has welcomed the meeting attendees and highlighted the importance of contests in terms of opening the way to have healthy competition between educators and improve creative initiatives. He also wished the committee every success in its work. According to the Minister, the relevant contests have been held in the country for 5 years within the Executive Order of President Ilham Aliyev on ‘Establishing the ‘Best Comprehensive Secondary School’ and ‘Best Teacher’ awards’ of 4 September 2007. Moreover, he underlined some changes were made in the composition of the Organizing Committee.

According to the Minister, 145 schools in 2011 and 151 schools in 2012 submitted a document to the contest of ‘Best Comprehensive Secondary School.’ Noting 111 schools wishing to participate in the contest have gathered appropriate score and admitted to the second stage of the contest, Mr. Mardanov touched upon their division on different districts and cities.

Moreover, according to him, 425 teachers in 2011 and 464 teachers in 2012 submitted a document to the ‘Best Teacher’ contest, and documents of 456 teachers were examined. The Minister noted that a majority of participants are primary school teachers (67 people) and Azeri language teachers (35 people). According to the results of examination, 229 out of 456 teachers were admitted to the second stage of the contest. The Minister also brought to the attention their division on districts and cities, as well as on subjects. Moreover, he listed the name of schools, where the exemplary lessons will be organized, and said that the second stage will start on 20th February.

During the meeting, there were exchanged views on other issues concerned with the conduction of ‘Best Comprehensive Secondary School’ and Best Teacher’ contests.