The meeting was opened by Education Minister and Chair of Organizing Committee for the "Best secondary school" and "Best Teacher" competitions Misir Mardanov. In his speech, the Minister noted the successful conduction of competitions over the last 5 years. He expressed his gratitude to all members of the Committee for the objective and transparent selection of competitors.

Mr. Mardanov gave information on the levels of competitions held according to the Order of President Ilham Aliyev "On establishing the best secondary school and the best teacher awards" of 4 September 2007. Noting the winners were determined according to the total number of points gained by them, he underlined the importance of the competitions in terms of their contribution to the development of education.

Talking about the results for "Best secondary school" competition, the Minister marked 151 schools representing different districts of the country applied to take part in the competition. He noted that, this year, as in previous years, a majority of schools participating in the competitions were from Baku. The minister added that 111 out of 151 schools were passed to the second level of the competition.

He underlined 47 schools (3 schools from Nakhchivan AR) have won the Best Secondary School competition and listed the top 10 schools. He also expressed his regret over schools of Mingachevir, Naftalan, Lankaran, Agdam, Balaken, Gobustan, Gubadli, Dashkesen, Zangilan, Yardimli, Kalbajar, Goranboy, Lachin, Lerik, Tartar, Saatli, Khojali, Khojavend and Shusha districts that did not take part in the competition.

Next Misir Mardanov gave information on the "Best Teacher' competition noting 464 teachers submitted a document to the competition. According to the results of assessment, 231 competitors, who have gained more points, were eligible to participate in the next level. The Minister also named the participants on the subjects. He noted that the final score of teachers were revealed based on the total number of points of three levels and 95 teachers (5 teachers from Nakhchivan), who have shown good results, became competition winners.

At the end, the winners of competitions were awarded and school directors and teachers were presented certificates.