Casarat Valehov, Director of Sector on NGO and Mass Media, Asgar Guliyev, Deputy Director of Sector on Education Resources took part in press conference where nearly 30 media' representatives attended.

In accordance with "State Strategy on development of education in Azerbaijan Republic" approved by decree of President, the representatives of The Ministry of Education stated that, important factors like to form the mechanism on career-oriented specialty choice of the applicants in announced priority reforms, to ensure inheritance and continuity principles among different levels of education under higher education are taken into account. Basing on this principle, The Ministry of Education considers purposeful to start enlightenment campaign named "Specialty Choice" by the universities by purpose to support specialty choice of the applicants. With its decisive importance, specialty choice of the applicants also determines future labor activity and career success.

It was mentioned that, implementation of project on recognition of the schools under age more than 100 under country level, is envisaged here. Recognition of Mass Media' representatives with old schools, preparation of photo of those schools and the calendars with date, are planed within framework of project.

They talked about extension of academic year, from this point of view experience of several developed countries of the world, was mentioned here. It was stated that, except for rest and holiday as well as the holidays 164 days (159 days in the first classes) in secondary schools working with 5 days education week, 197 days in secondary schools working with 6 days education week are performed. So, accordingly the pupils rest 201 (206 days in the first classes) or 168 days. It causes to increase of daily lesson burden of the pupils instead of capacity of education programs. Average of annual education year in the countries that are the members of Economic Cooperation and Development Organization is nearly 38, but 32 weeks in Azerbaijan.

Later the participants talked about the reforms implemented on the direction of preparation of secondary school textbooks. It was stated that, arrangement of the lessons is implemented by publishing-printing establishments preparing the same textbooks and author staff who are involved in this work. Tender has been announced for preparation of VII and VIII class textbooks for the next education year. Textbooks to be prepared for VIII classes will be given to pilot schools as trial, but its utilization will start from 2015-2016 education year. II and III class textbooks will be processed and printed on basis of monitoring of SSAC and other opinions. I, V, IX, X and XI class textbooks will be printed and delivered in a new editing and certain percentage.

Also, it was talked about the details of Mass Media on negative cases and violations in educational departments in different city and region, incorrectness in "Pupil Guide".

Colloborators of The Ministry of Education responded several questions of the journalists in press conference.