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Most important reforms, actions and novelties implemented on preschool and general education sphere in 2014.

### **Primary vocational education**

Taking into account main priority of development of vocational education, admission plan in the primary vocational education institutions, has been compiled through investigating the requirements of labor market.

Process of creation of modern resource centers on the basis of pilot primary vocational education institution within framework of project "Modern Azerbaijan Professionals" based on state-business partnership and directed on development of infrastructure of primary vocational education institutions, is being continued.

By purpose to conform material-technical and teaching base of primary vocational education institutions specialized on the sphere of agriculture to modern requirements, purchase process of new technique, equipment, visual and technical means started by The Ministry of Education,

So, 6 tractors, 4 grass cover, 7 tractor trailer, 5 plow, 6 disseminator, 3 mower, 3 wheat and corn harvester, 3 drug sprinkler, 2 fertilizer, 1 feed grinder technique, have been bought for Ismayilli Vocational Training Center, Balakan Vocational School no.1, Jalilabad Vocational School, Barda Vocational School, Guba Vocational School, Shamakhi Vocational School, Goychay Vocational School. Relevant technique, equipment, visual and technical means, have been given to primary vocational education institutions 25-30 years ago.

11 "Renault Logan" brand vehicles, have been distributed to primary vocational education institutions who are engaged in staff training on the specialty of motor transport.

This is the first initiative raised during independence history of our country. These vehicles made in the Europe envisaged for training have been equipped with 1600 cubic/cm engine and 5-speed manual gearbox.

All these points are aimed to conform material-technical base of primary vocational education institutions functioning in relevant sphere to modern requirements, also increase efficiency of work on training of specialist.

"Agreement on credit obtained from Economical Development Cooperation Fund for project on establishment of Vocational Training Center between The Government of Azerbaijan Republic and The Government of Korean Republic" and "Loan agreement for project on establishment of Vocational Training Center between The Government of Azerbaijan Republic and Export-Import Bank of Korea" have been signed.

Budget of project is 39.28 USD million of this capital, will be financed by Economical Development and Cooperation Fund of Korea.

Collaboration Memorandum on "Development and Strengthening of Vocational Education and Training in Azerbaijan", has been signed between The Ministry of Education and Regional Training and Education Center Fund. Performance of joint actions on the sphere of application of new management model in the several schools as a pilot, preparation of teaching materials, application of new training, retraining and qualification's change model, improvement of legislative framework, are envisaged within framework of this project.

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Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between The Ministry of Education and The National Confederation for Entrepreneurs (Employers) Organizations (AEC). Memorandum implies more development of the relations between entrepreneurs and The Ministry of Education, creation of social partnership with the entrepreneurs functioning in the private sector, joint activity in the training of staff who appropriated new technologies within context of rapid development of economy.

Memorandum of Cooperation has been signed between The Ministry of Education and “Azerbaijan Steel Production Complex” CJSC.

Goal of signing of memorandum is to support achievement of development and strengthening of staff potential of metallurgical industry in accordance with order of The President of Azerbaijan Republic “About announcement of 2014 as “Industry year” in the Azerbaijan Republic. Also, agreement is aimed to stimulate execution of strategical duties as development of human capital in the country, successful integration of economy in the global space and more efficient utilization of country from international competition in accordance with “State Strategy on development of education in Azerbaijan Republic”.

“Leadership and management” training started by purpose to educate the directors who appropriated modern management skills and ability, are familiar with information technologies, able to contribute in educational and social development of our country for primary vocational education institutions. Participants of training for staff who wish to function in this post and directors of primary vocational education institutions jointly organized by The Ministry of Education, “Allianz Consult” LLC and “GIZ” German Society for International Cooperation, have been determined under contest.

Trainings surrounds only primary vocational education institutions functioning in Baku. Certain motivations will be applied in order to increase efficiency in the works of the pupils who are currently functioning in the position of director of primary vocational education institutions and who obtained “Certificate of Success” in the examinations by The Ministry of Education. Now, persons who aren't functioning as director, are recorded as reserve staff for appointment in the vacant positions on director post.

## **Secondary special education**

Number of vacant positions increased regardless of real demand, has been decreased from 115667 to 111266 compared to previous academic year in the secondary special education institutions lately.

Plan for student admission in the colleges on the form of correspondence education, has been decreased to 4.1 times compared to the previous academic year, specialties “primary school teacher” and “informatics teacher” have been removed from admission plan. Vacant positions on the specialty “pre-school training and education” in the colleges, has been planned 38% less compared to the previous academic year.

Students have been studying under credit system since 2014-2015 academic year in accordance with relevant order of The Ministry of Education and “Rules on organization of education with credit system in the secondary special education institutions” approved by decision of The Cabinet of Ministers.

Issue on establishment of regional college started in accordance with “Azerbaijan 2020” Vision to future” Development Conception. Masalli State Regional College, as well as Ismayilli State Humanitarian and Technology College have been established by relevant decisions of The Cabinet of Ministers.

Teacher specialties have been removed from student admission plan in the technical-directed colleges.