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The conference dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union was attended by Akif Alizade, president of ANAS, Ali Abbasov, minister of communication and high technologies, Firudin Gurbanov, Deputy Education Minister and experts of ANAS's scientific and practical institutes on information technologies.

The conference started with the showcase of the exhibition dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union.

Opening the meeting with introduction speech, Akif Alizade, president of ANAS, estimated the conference dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union as a very important event for scientific community of Azerbaijan, and highlighted the importance of the conference from the standpoint of gathering the leading scientists and experts on information technologies together and necessity to hold such meetings regularly.

Akif Alizade mentioned the national Olympiad of informatics among university students, co-organized by the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Ministry of Communication and High Technologies, the Ministry of Education and ANAS's Information Technologies Institute, and estimated this event as essential part of the activities on preparation of the personnel for information security. As for him, the main goal of the annual contest of knowledge is to support the talented students in order to make them the expert of information technologies and programming.

Ali Abbasov, Minister of Communication and High Technologies, noted that provision of the necessary level of information security was one of the priorities of state policy and the ministry took the appropriate measures in this direction. According to the minister, it is important to mobilize the intellectual capacity to ensure information security.

Firudin Gurbanov, Deputy Education Minister highlighted the importance of the event. The deputy minister said that the development of ICT is one of the priorities of state and emphasized the focus of the president to this area. F. Gurbanov noted the fast efforts taken for the measures intended to expand the use of ICT in "National Education Development Strategy of Azerbaijan Republic".

Director of ANAS's Information Technologies Institute, Rasim Aliquluyev said that cultivating information security culture in citizens is one of the most effective strategies against information dangers. According to him, the personnel training in information security field should be focus. To provide the information security, there should be prepared textbooks and books in Azerbaijani, organized regular conferences, workshops, "round tables" and conducted mass campaigns.

After speeches, the university student who won the national Olympiad in informatics was awarded.

The event continued under 3 parallel section meeting. There were presented 74 scientific papers to conference from the different state, scientific and educational institutions of the country.