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The Ministry of Education held a regular press conference on November 11.

At the press conference, the issues arising from the Order of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on "Making amendments to the Order No 33108 of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on "Increasing scholarships for doctoral candidates, students and pupils of higher, secondary, specialized and initial vocational education institutions" dated August 30, 2013" were highlighted. It was noted that according to the Order, scholarships would be paid to students receiving full-time education at higher and secondary specialized education institutions regardless of tuition-free education for fee-based education for students and taking into account the overall average success rate and the academic achievements in subjects.

It was underlined that the document signed by the head of state aimed to increase state care for students, to stimulate students' interest in education, to create a competitive environment among learners in order to improve the quality of education, to strengthen social protection of young people in accordance with the National Strategy for the Development of Education. The new rule reflects the true purpose of student scholarship and is based on the principle of justice. Thus, in accordance with the Order, after the first half-year, regardless of tuition-free education or fee-based education for students, scholarships will be assigned to those who differ in high academic achievement after taking into account the total number of students admitted to education institution, to this specialty with the state order in the current year.

It should be noted that the Order has a number of advantages from the social point of view. Thus, the implementation of the Order provides an opportunity for students from low-income families and for those who get a fee-based education and differ in high academic achievement, to receive a scholarship. In addition, refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as students from privileged families, whose tuition fees are paid by the state, will have the opportunity to improve social welfare.

The Order will enable to stimulate interest in education and to create a competitive environment among learners. This, in turn, will create favorable conditions to improve the quality of education and to carry out a training of high-quality personnel.

At the end of the conference, the numerous questions of the media representatives were answered.