**Lecture 14. Education in the system of secondary vocational education**

**Plan:**

1. The general structure of the education system of Kazakhstan
2. School education
3. Professional education.

The main goals of the education system in the Republic of Kazakhstan are:

- formation of general scientific and general cultural training of students;

- social adaptation of schoolchildren to life in society;

- education of citizenship and love for the Motherland;

- meeting the needs of society in skilled workers and specialists, retraining and improving their skills.

Secondary general education is guaranteed and compulsory for all citizens. In addition, the priorities of secondary general education are informatization and updating the content of education.

The system of secondary general education faces the following tasks:

– coverage of education of all school age

– implementation of state compulsory standards of secondary general education;

- Improving the quality of education in schools by improving the content and methods of teaching, introducing objective criteria and approaches to assessing the knowledge of students and the activities of teachers;

- ensuring measures to protect the health of students and teachers.

Secondary general education is acquired in stages through the assimilation of educational programs of three levels: primary (grades 1-4), basic (grades 5-9) and senior (grades 10-11 or 12). These levels may function together, in one general education institution, or separately, in an elementary or basic general education school.

There are 8290 schools in the republic, where 3117.7 thousand children study, including 8191 general education schools with 3097.0 thousand students.

Along with day schools, there are 31 evening general education schools.

A network of general educational institutions of a new type (gymnasiums and lyceums) is being developed, the number of which is 320, including 178 gymnasiums, 142 lyceums.

Taking into account the ethnic needs of the population, education in schools is conducted in 7 languages. Of the total number of schools - 3474 teach in Kazakh, 2514 - in Russian, 2107 - in Russian and Kazakh, 78 schools - in Uzbek, 13 - in Uighur, 3 - in Tajik, 1 school - in Ukrainian and 1 school - in German languages. In places densely populated by small nationalities, the study of 14 native languages ​​has been organized.

Primary and secondary vocational education is acquired in vocational schools, lyceums and colleges and is combined with general secondary education.

The main tasks of vocational education:

– development and implementation of state general educational standards for vocational education, their updating, taking into account the situation on the labor market and structural changes in the economy;

– creation of conditions for increasing the accessibility of vocational education;

– support for the non-state sector of vocational education;

– organization and development of social partnership in the system of vocational education;

– expansion of international cooperation on the issues of training and retraining of personnel in educational institutions of vocational education.

Initial vocational education includes the training, retraining and advanced training of workers, specialists and the unemployed, as well as the unemployed.

There are 306 vocational schools and lyceums in the republic with 88,348 students. Skilled workers are trained in more than 300 specialties.

Secondary vocational education institutions are represented by colleges that have switched to training specialists according to new state standards of secondary vocational education and curricula. Colleges have introduced a new mechanism for the formation of a contingent of students and training of specialists with full reimbursement of costs on a contractual basis, taking into account the needs of the region in labor resources. The opening of new specialties is carried out only if there is a specific customer and the conclusion of the regional employment office.

Secondary vocational education is provided by 285 colleges, including 173 - state and 112 - non-state forms of ownership. The number of students is 155,893 people.

**Control questions:**

1. What are the tasks of the secondary general education system?

2. What the main goals of the education system in the Republic of Kazakhstan?

3. What are the main objectives of vocational education?