



In 2006 Overgas organized the first National educational-training competition for the best gas technology specialist. In 2008 the competition was organized in partnership with the Ministry of Science and Education. The initiative embodies the ambition of the company to increase the level of professional training in the sphere of gas technology to attract young people's attention to the opportunities, offered by the labour market in the field of gas delivery.

The competition is held every year among the students of the 12-th grade, specialization "Gas technology", from the professional secondary schools in the whole country. The prizes for the winning team are brand named Japanese motorbikes and monthly grants. The runners-up receive laptop computers, digital cameras and money grants. Five of the winners have started work in the company after graduating secondary school.

The winners of the third edition of the competition 2008 were admitted to study at the University of Mining and Geology without an examination, and those who held the second and the third place – at the College of Energetics with the Technical University - Sofia. All of them were invited to work at Overgas.

The national educational-training competition for the best gas technology specialist is held on the purpose:

Giving an opportunity to the students from the specialization "**Gas technology**" at the professional secondary schools to demonstrate the acquired skills and competences;

Motivating the students and their teachers to improve the quality of the educational process for the specialization "**Gas technology**" at the professional secondary schools;

Giving an opportunity for **professional realization** for the most successful students from "**Gas technology**" classes at the companies from the system of Overgas.

385 students from 20 professional secondary schools in the country took part in the three editions of the **competition held so far**.

The total number of children with who Overgas works on the project "Professional training" are 1 277 from 20 professional secondary schools in the country.

Regular meetings with the principals of the professional secondary schools, teaching the specialization "**Gas technology**" are held twice a year. Also, the company actively with the teachers and the pedagogue –advisors, carrying out survey on the purpose of evaluating the potential of the students from the professional secondary schools and their professional and career orientation.

