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On June 30, at "Buta" palace for the first time took place an event entitled "Graduate 2011", jointly organized by Baku city Education Department and Azerbaijan Republican Committee of Independent Trade Unions of Educators

The event was attended by 650 exemplary graduates of 11th classes of secondary schools of Baku, who have become winners of different competitions and contests.

Before the event began, the national anthem of Azerbaijan was played. Speaking at the opening event Director of Baku city Education Department Naila Rzaguliyeva congratulated graduates, who have completed their 11 years of schooling and taken first steps towards an independent life. Having noted that the future of the country depends on youth, she reminded that nationwide leader Heydar Aliyev has always been proud of Azerbaijani youth and given them a special care. She added that this policy is successfully continued by the President Ilham Aliyev, and talked about the attention paid by the President to the education, as well as the educator's assigned duties to nurture educated youth as citizens able to assess and protect national and intellectual values.

According to N. Rzaguliyeva, the acceptance rate for pupils of Baku to universities has increased compared to results for the last 4 years. She also emphasized the attention and care paid by Goodwill ambassador of UNESCO and ISESCO, the president of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, MP Mehriban Aliyeva to the education and noted that works done by her to encourage educators to achieve greater success,

Speaking at the event Education Minister Misir Mardanov congratulated graduates, who have taken first steps towards an independent life, and wished them success.

Further, video materials about the attention and care of the national leader Heydar Aliyev and President Ilham Aliyev for youth were demonstrated.

Moreover, letter of congratulations from Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva to graduates was read at the event.

After, talented children and youth performed an interesting concert programme.

At the event, 929 exemplary graduates of secondary schools of Baku were awarded gold and silver medals.

Chairwoman of State Student Admission Commission Maleyke Abbaszade, chairman of Azerbaijan Trade Unions Confederation, MP Sattar Mehbaliev congratulated graduates and wished them every success.

At the end, graduates thanked the organizers and noted that they will justify their expectations.