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Speaking at the opening of the event, Deputy Education Minister Gulu Novruzov passed on congratulations of the Education Minister Misir Mardanov to event attendees. He gave detailed information on chess tournament and noted that the contest, which was held by participation of 244 chess players from 48 cities and districts of the country, was conducted by Swiss system in 7 rounds. Noting the contest was organized at a high level G. Novruzov thanked trainers and referees for holding the contest in an impartial and transparent way, as well as staff of the Republican Sport Centre "Education" for their contribution to the tournament. According to him, the number of chess schools and pupils playing chess has increased every year, and achievements in this field have continuously risen. Noting that there are serious discussions on teaching chess at schools as a subject to make chess a mass sport Gulu Novruzov underlined that pupils, who are playing chess, have made progress in their all-round development and gained many achievements in their study.

At the end, G. Novruzov wished every success to distinguished pupils and presented diplomas and medals to 30 winners of 5 age groups.