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Speaking at the opening of the event, Education Minister Misir Mardanov sincerely welcomed event attendees.

Minister noted that a series of events has been conducted in the country in accordance with the Presidential Order on the 100th anniversary of famous writer and dramatist Mirza Ibrahimov.

Talking about the great contributions made by famous writer to Azeri people, the Minister underlined M. Ibrahimov, writer with a powerful pen, was also a prominent public figure, a great citizen and intellectual. He also spoke about the glorious path of his life, novels that will remain forever in the history of literature, as well as about his activities.

The Minister brought to the attention of attendees the contributions of Mirza Ibrahimov to give Azeri language official status and called the determination and courage shown by the writer for our mother tongue an instructive example for today's younger generation.

Noting the Ministry of Education approved plan of measures based on the Relevant Order of the President, Minister Mardanov emphasized the essay competition was held within this plan. Noting thousands of pupils took part in the competition the Minister stressed that 115 essays were selected from works submitted to the Ministry from all districts and cities of the country. The essays were checked by the relevant commission and winners were determined. According to him, seven pupils have won the first, 14-II and 16-III places. He congratulated all winners and wished them to achieve even more success. Education Minister has thanked everyone who contributed to the conduction and organization of the competition.

Next, the winners were awarded diplomas and a book devoted to the famous writer.

At the end, the daughter of M. Ibrahimov, people's artist Sevda Ibrahimova noted the importance of the order signed by the President and expressed her deep appreciations for the organization of this even.