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Speaking at the opening of the event Deputy Education Minister Gulu Novruzov talked about the state care provided to the field of sport of the country in recent years. Noting the national football championship held among higher education institutions has become a tradition, G. Novruzov spoke about achievements of athletes in international competitions stressing the attention paid by President Ilham Aliyev to this field. He highly praised the growing interest of young people in this competition. According to G. Novruzov, 19 teams have taken part in the championship and teams of universities located in regions will be participated in the championship in the next round. He wished the participating teams every success and thanked everyone, who has contributed to the organization of the championship.

Rector of Baku State University, Academician Abel Maharramov made a speech in the event. He wished teams of universities every success and expressed his hope that the best team will win. Noting the rapid development is observed in all areas of the country, A. Maharramov underlined the existence of wide opportunities to hold in Azerbaijan the prestigious international competitions.

Vice-president of AFFA Rauf Aliyev has congratulated the participants on the opening ceremony of championship devoted to the 89th birth anniversary of national leader Heydar Aliyev. Noting the tournament, which is improving year-on-year, has held for the fourth times, R. Aliyev highly praised the development of football in Azerbaijan.

Next, the captains of teams have raised the State Flag while the National Anthem of the Republic of Azerbaijan has played.

After, the first game of the IV National Championship among universities was played.