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The competition "Heydar Aliyev and independent Azerbaijan" among pupils of secondary schools was held according to the order 529 of the Ministry of Education of 3 April 2012. It was conducted in school, district (city) and republican levels in 3 age groups (6-10, 11-14, 15-18). About 200 works were submitted to the Republican level. The Jury consisting of employees of Azerbaijan Academy of Fine Art has selected 27 winners among contestants.

Speaking at the opening of the event Deputy Education Minister Gulu Novruzov noted that the goal of the competition is to educate children and youth in the spirit of ideas of national leader Heydar Aliyev and identify talented young people. He highly praised works submitted to the competition and described them as a manifestation of infinite love of students to Nationwide Leader.

Mr. Novruzov talked about great contributions of Heydar Aliyev, the founder and builder of independent Azerbaijani state. He touched upon the importance of conducted art competitions and wished every success to winners.

Deputy Chair of State Committee for Family, Women and Children Aynur Sofiyeva, MPs Kamila Aliyeva and Fuad Muradov made a speech at the event and highly praised holding such events. They expressed their hope that young artists, who have described the ideas of National Leader in their works, will achieve even greater success in the future.

Pupils, who have won the I, II and III places in the Republican level of the competition were awarded diplomas and presents of the Ministry of Education.