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The event was opened by the Minister of Education Misir Mardanov. Noting the month of May is full of important events and holidays, the Minister stressed the celebration of 89th birth anniversary of nationwide leader Heydar Aliyev on May 10. He has talked about contributions made by Great Leader, the founder and builder of independent Azerbaijani state, to promote the development of education and stressed that President Ilham Aliyev, worthy successor to Heydar Aliyev, also pays a special attention to the development of education area. Noting all the conditions were created to get young people into higher education, the Minister gave information on works done to promote the creative potential of children and youth in recent years.

The Minister talked about the importance of Olympiad and noted the knowledge competition creates condition to increase students' interest in different subjects and serves to identify talented young people. He informed that contestants of two-round Olympiad will test their knowledge in 12 subjects, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, information science, Azerbaijan language, Azerbaijan history, Azerbaijan geography, English, French, German and Russian languages.

Noting about 2000 students took part in the first round of the Olympiad that was held in March, the Minister underlined that 750 students from 31 public and 8 private universities have participated in the second round. He stressed that universities operated in Nakhchivan, Ganja, Lankaran, Sumgayit, Mingechevir and other cities of the country are represented in the Olympiad alongside with universities of Baku.

Mr. Mardanov noted that the Student Subject Olympiad have been jointly held with Republican Free Trade Union Committee of Educators since 2007. The Jury of the Olympiad consists of well-known scholars and teachers of the Republic. At the end of his speech, the Minister has thanked everyone who contributed to the organization of the event and wished every success to students.

The event was attended by Rector of Baku State University Abel Maharramov, Deputy Chairman of Republican Free Trade Union Committee of Educators Shaig Asgarov, Rector of Lankaran State University Asaf Isgandarov and Rector of Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University Yusif Mammadov. In their speech, they have talked about the importance of Olympiad in terms of involving students in scientific-research works, and increasing their interest in science.

After the opening ceremony, the start for the second round of Olympiad was given.

It should be noted that the winners of Olympiad will be awarded diplomas, gifts and cash prizes from the Ministry of Education and Republican Free Trade Union Committee of Educators.