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The Week of Science and Culture of Azerbaijan has started in Berlin. The solemn opening of the Week was held at the well-known Konzerhaus Berlin Hall located in the Gendarmenmarkt square of Germany's capital. Scientific and cultural figures, famous politicians, members of government, diplomats from both countries, as well as representatives of the Azerbaijan's Diaspora took part in the ceremony.

Jane Heinrich Olbertz, rector of Humboldt University, delivered a speech at the opening and noted the great importance of this kind of events in the strengthening of ties between Azerbaijan and Germany. The Week, according to the rector, will positively affect the development of bilateral relations. Parviz Shahbazov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Germany, Prof. Misir Mardanov, Education Minister of Azerbaijan, Annette Schavan, Federal Minister of Education and Research, Prof. Eva-Maria Auch, head of the Department of Azerbaijani History of Humboldt University delivered a speech at the event. It is needed to be noted that the Week of Science and Culture of Azerbaijan coincided with this important event and the excellent part of the Week's schedule was opening of this department.

The concert programme was held after the solemn part of the ceremony. Compositions of Uzeyir Hajibeyov, Fikrat Amirov, Gara Garayev, and Agshin Alizadeh were played by Berlin Classic Players chamber orchestra under the direction of Yalchin Adigozelov, People's Artist of Azerbaijan and maestro Ulrich Rill.

A solemn reception was held after the official part of the ceremony.