On December 4, the presentation ceremony of Milli Net – National Internet Award took place in Ambassador Hotel.

Osman Gunduz, President of Azerbaijan Internet Forum (AIF), delivered a speech on behalf of the Organizing Committee at the ceremony. He gave information on works done for conducting the competition, and added that relevant measures will be developed in the future. The President of AIF has thanked Azercell Telecom, Delta Telecom and HP companies for their support for competition.

It was noted that Milli Net - National Internet Award is the Professional Internet Award launched by the Azerbaijan Internet Forum. The annual award is handed over to the national internet resources and projects produced in Azeri language, and activated in the social, cultural, scientific, economic, legal, etc. areas. The main goals of the National Internet Award are to develop and expand the Internet as a new area of creativity, professional activity and information exchange in Azerbaijan, propagandise the best national internet resources in the country and in the world as well. Moreover, support the popularizations of information technologies and wide use of Azeri language in the Internet. Websites produced in the Azeri language version allowed taking part in the competition. The competition began on October 1, and its registration deadline was at the end of November. It was held on the following categories: "Corporate website", "Public and social networking sites", "Media and information", "Culture, art and tourism websites", "Family, children and health", "Leisure time, sport and entertainment", "Blogs", "Internet services", "Science and education", "State and municipality websites", "Internet marketing", "Mobile resource (excluding WAP)", "Electronic service", and "Websites created upon the user's content." About 437 websites participated in the competition, 309 of them were accepted, and 128 websites were rejected due to their inadequacy to the conditions of competition. The competition was assessed by the Competition Commission which consists of representatives of the internet community, experts, internet correspondents, editors, webmasters and other professionals.

The names of winners on 14 categories were announced at the presentation ceremony. The website of the Ministry of Education (http://www.edu.gov.az) has become a winner of the competition in the "State and municipality websites" category. Azerbaijan State Customs Committee (http://www.customs.gov.az) has won the second, State Committee on Affairs with the Diaspora of Azerbaijan Republic (http://www.diaspora.gov.az) the third places. The websites of Azerbaijan State Social Protection Fund (http://www.sspf.gov.az), Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic (http://www.nakhchivan.az) and Azerbaijan Weightlifting Federation were announced nominees of the competition.

Speaking at the ceremony, Fakhri Abbasov, Official of Azercell Telecom noted their readiness to support such events. He highlighted the important role of competition in the development of Internet resources produced in Azeri language, and all in all, ICT sector.

Later, a special prize made from bronze cobweb framed with the bud and Diploma of the competition was presented to the winners of 14 categories.

Jahangir Mammadli, chairman of Public Television and Radio Broadcasting Company, Rashad Majid, secretary of Azerbaijan Writers Unity, as well as representatives of other governmental and public organizations took part in the ceremony.

Speakers noted the important contribution of Milli Net – 2010 to the development of the Internet in Azerbaijan.


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