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The contest is a joint project of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Ministry of Youth and Sports, State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs and Azerbaijan Future Studies Society.

Concepción Olavarrieta, President of the Global Millennium Prize, Chair of the Mexico Node of the Millennium Project, Ali Abbasov, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Azad Rahimov, Minister of Youth and Sports, Hijran Huseynova, Head of State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, Rabiyyat Aslanova, Head of Human Rights Committee of the Parliament, Sharshamsaddin Hajiyev, Director of Azerbaijan State Economic University, Samad Seyidov, Director of Azerbaijan University of Languages, as well as representatives of state bodies, university rectors, school directors and teachers participated in the ceremony.

Speaking at the opening, Education Minister Misir Mardanov welcomed participants and marked the special role of the relevant state bodies and organizations in conducting the event. According to the Minister, since this year university students are allowed to take part in the contest, which before was held only among pupils of secondary schools. The Minister noted that, essays presented to the contest are written about one of the 15 Global Challenges of the Millennium Project ([www.millennium-project.org](http://www.millennium-project.org)). Participation of pupils and students, as well as topic selection was free.

Touching upon the result of the contest, the Minister informed that, this year essays of 657 pupils and 423 students assessed by the Jury have fought for the first, second and third places. 58 winners, including 37 pupils and 21 students, were chosen among participants. He noted among finalists of the contest 10 students are from Baku, five from Sumgait, 44 from Ismayilli, 22 from Zardab, Agdam, Hajigabul, and 1 from Guba, Tartar, Gakh, Zagatala, Neftchala, Lankaran, Agjabedi, Imishli, Kurdemir and Samukh accordingly have taken the relevant places. It was also noted that, five students of Azerbaijan State Economic University, three students of Baku State University, two students of Azerbaijan University of Languages, and 1 student from Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, as well as from Azerbaijani Medical University, Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Fine Arts, National Aviation Academy, Azerbaijan Institute of Teachers, and its Gazakh and Agjabedi branch, Ganja State University, Nakhchivan Institute of Teachers, Azerbaijan Technological University are among winners of the contest.

Mr. Mardanov noted a special contribution of Reyhan Huseynova, Chair of Azerbaijan Future Studies Society, in conducting the contest. At the end the Minister congratulated winners and wished them every success.

R. R. Huseynova gave information on the goals of the "Face to Face with Future Generation" contest, participants and topics. She expressed gratitude to the relevant state bodies for all their support, urged the Azerbaijani youth actively participate in such contests, and noted the special importance of these achievements for our country.

Further, a video clip of the previous awarding ceremony was shown to participants.

Ali Abbasov, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Rabiyyat Aslanova, Head of Human Rights Committee of the Parliament, Concepción Olavarrieta, President and founder of the Global Millennium Prize, Chair of the Mexico Node of the Millennium Project have made a speech, and noted its importance and role in the education of youth.

Winners have received diplomas and presents at the event. They expressed their gratitude for the care and attention given them.