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Speaking at the opening, Deputy Education Minister, Elmar Gasimov, wished every success to the participants.

Further, the Minister, Misir Mardanov noted in his speech that the competition was conducted by the initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with the joint organization of Education Ministry, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Youth and Sport, State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs. He noted that the goal of the competition is to give full information on history, education, culture, and art of Azerbaijan to children of officials of the diplomatic corps accredited to Azerbaijan, as well as attract them to take an active part in the social life of the country. He also added that children of officials of the embassies of Belarus, Czech Republic, Korea, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, and Azerbaijan Office of the European Union participated in the competition conducted among 6-18-year olds on categories of essay, poem, drawing, dance and different handicraft.

It was added that 14 works were presented to the competition on the drawing categories, five in the essay, and 1 in the poem. The works were estimated and winners were chosen by the jury.

H. Huseynova, head of State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, S. Mammadaliyeva, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism, B. Babayev, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport, A. Asgarov, Head of Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs noted the importance of such competitions at their addresses. They also expressed belief that children will remember the success achieved in the competition for years.

At the end, winners of the competitions received diplomas and presents from organizers.