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Addressing at the opening, Education Minister, Misir Mardanov, noted the importance of the physical training and sport development for our country. He stressed that the national leader Heydar Aliyev had always paid attention to this area, and underlined that this tradition is being successfully continued today by the President Ilham Aliyev.

Noting State programs on development of chess and football approved by the Presidential decrees, the Minister, underlined that the Ministry has prepared action plans to execute the program, and talked about works done in this area in recent years. According to him, new buildings were constructed for chess schools of Shamakhi, Gadabay, Sumgayit, and Mingachevir. It was noted that, chess buildings in Guba and Khachmaz were reconstructed and now ready to use. Moreover, new building for the chess schools of Agjabedi, Ujar and Goranboy regions are being constructed.

The Minister has also noted the achievements of chess players in 2010. Thus, in the current year, our chess players have won 15 medals at the European and World Championship, including 10 gold, two silver and three bronze medals. He underlined that students of sport and chess schools subordinated to the Ministry have won 1886 medals in the Republican and international competitions. Moreover, he noted that there 159 sport schools operated in the system of the Ministry, and 27 different kinds of sports have been developed their.

At the end, the winners were awarded diplomas and gifts.

Ismayil Ismayilov, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport, Suliddin Farzaliyev, director of Child - Youth Sport School Nr.19, Narmin Kazimova, world youth chess champion, Jafar Humbatov, director of "Tahsil" Republican Sport School noted the state care paid to the development of country's sport and expressed belief in the future victories of sportsmen.