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Speaking at the press conference, Elmar Gasimov, Deputy Minister of Education, informed that the first contest was held in 2009. According to him, this year the contest is organized by the initiative of Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Azerbaijan National Conservatory and Mugham Centre. He also talked about the work implemented in recent years towards the protection and development of this area. Having stressed the importance of the contest, Deputy Minister informed that the contest will be held from January 29 to 20 February. According to him, the singers should be aged between 18 to 35 years old. Qualifying round will be conducted in two phases. The jury consists of masters of art.

E. Gasimov noted that, overseas participants and winners of II Republican Mugham Contest will take part in the II International Mugham Festival in March, 2011.

Further, Siyavush Karimi, rector of Azerbaijan National Conservatory, gave information on the main goal of the contest, as well as International Mugham Festival. At the press conference were responded to the questions from the media.