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Speaking at the opening Sayavush Karimi, rector of the Azerbaijan National Conservatory, informed that the first Mugham contest was held in 2009. According to him, 18 out of 40 singers of 18-35 year olds presented documents to take part in the contest have gained the right to participate in the contest.

Sevda Mammadaliyeva, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism, talked about works done to develop the art of Mugham in the Republic, as well as implemented projects. She noted the special role of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation in the proclaiming the Mugham of Azerbaijan a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

Speaking at the ceremony Deputy Education Minister Elmar Gasimov characterized holding the II Republican Mugham Contest, which is conducted by the initiative of Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, President of Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO and ISESCO, MP, and organized by Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Education Ministry, Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Azerbaijani National Conservatory, as a state care for popularizing Azerbaijani Mugham. He expressed assurance that talented youth will be revealed due to the contest. Mr. Gasimov noted the Azerbaijani Mugham becomes very famous in the world due to the appropriate projects implemented in recent years, and the contest contributes to the passing Mugham to the future generation.

It was noted that three singers elected by the jury, which consists of famous musicians, will represent our country at the II International Mugham Festival.