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Speaking at the opening Education Minister Misir Mardanov congratulated the participants on May 28th – Republic Day. He noted that Azerbaijan has achieved a high level of development due to the strategic political course of the national leader Heydar Aliyev and emphasized contributions made by President Ilham Aliyev to the comprehensive development of the country.

According to him, Azerbaijan has enough talented young people, and Azerbaijani students successfully continue their study at prestigious universities of the world. The Minister said that there were established appropriate conditions for study of the country's youth in recent years. He gave information on works done to develop the creative potential of gifted children. According to him, all these works are an example of caring for young people.

Mr. Mardanov noted that the goal of Olympiad is to increase the interest of students in different subjects, as well as identify talented young people. He underlined the interest in the subject Olympiad is being increased. He also said that 684 students from 28 state and 8 private universities were eligible to participate in the final round of the Olympiad according to the results of the First Round. Moreover, higher educational establishments of Sumgait, Nakhchivan, Ganja, Lankaran and Mingechevir took part in the Olympiad alongside with the universities of Baku.

According to the Minister students will test their knowledge in 12 subjects (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, informatics, Azerbaijani language, and history of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan geography, as well as English, French, German and Russian languages) at the final round of the Olympiad. At the end, he thanked those who have contributed to the XVI Olympiad Republican Subject, wished success for students participating in a contest of knowledge.

Further, Deputy Education Minister Irada Huseynova gave information on organizational issues of the Olympiad.

Rector of Ganja State University Elman Mammadov, deputy chairman of the Republican Committee of the Independent Trade Union of Education Workers Shaig Askerov, professor of Baku State University Majnun Babayev, Deputy Rector of Baku Slavic University Mammad Aliyev talked about the importance of Subject Olympiad of students and noted achievements reached in the education field in recent years.

Students have thanked the organizers for such a great knowledge contest.

After the opening ceremony there has been announced the start of the Second Round of XVI Republican Subject Olympiad of Students.

It should be noted that winners of competition will be awarded prizes, cash awards and certificates from the Ministry of Education and Republican Committee of the Independent Trade Union of Education Workers.