At first, the national anthem of the Republic of Azerbaijan was played.

Speaking at the opening of the event, Education Minister Misir Mardanov stressed that the scientific conference creates an opportunity to increase interest of youth in the scientific-research papers, present the results of scientific research and the exchange of science views. Noting the conference coincided with the celebration of 20th anniversary of the restoration of state independence of Azerbaijan, the Minister said that this significant event has being celebrated all over the country and abroad.

Touching upon the distinctive features of the conference, the Minister said that there was made a decision on the conduction of contest within the conference entitled "Our independence is eternal, permanent and irreversible." He spoke about the 20-year development path of our independence and brought to the attention of participants achievements gained over the past years, significant advances in all areas as well as in the science and education areas. Misir Mardanov stressed that after the return of Heydar Aliyev to power for the second time on the insisting demand of people drastic changes were made in all areas, including the education field, and some positive results were gained.

Speaking about the care and attention provided for the national education field, the development of education and science and talented children, the Minister stressed that currently, the relevant work are successfully being continued by the worthy successor of the great leader President Ilham Aliyev. Misir Mardanov talked about purposeful activities implemented under the leadership of the President in the education and science fields of Azerbaijan, opportunities created for youth to acquire knowledge and education, as well as works done within the "State Program for the education of Azerbaijani youth abroad in the years of 2007-2015." Noting that currently, there are over 10.000 Azeri students studying abroad, the Minister reported that the number of international students studying at universities of Azerbaijan has risen approximately to 7000.

Speaking about the conference, the Minister noted that the interest of youth in this event is increasing every year. He gave statistical information noting that last year 360 papers were submitted to the conference and this year the number of papers submitted from 21 public and 4 private universities has risen to 454.

According to the Minister the two-day conference will be continued on 17 sections. He also gave information on the contest entitled "Our independence is eternal, permanent and irreversible." He noted that there will be heard and estimated 28 papers passed through first stage of the contest.

Noting the Jury includes famous scholars and faculties of the Republic Mr. Mardanov expressed his gratitude to those who have contributed to this conference. Next, the Minister gave his recommendations to students and wished them much success.

Rector of Baku Slavic University Kamal Abdulla noted the great importance attached by the faculties and students to the conference and wished every success to participants.

The winners of conference will be presented diplomas and cash prizes from the Ministry of Education.