Deputy Education Minister Gulu Novruzov has congratulated the winners and noted that the main goal of the competition is to nurture the youth into the spirit of statehood, patriotism, loyalty to the country and identify talents in art. Stressing the two - stage contest was organized among students for the first time, G. Novruzov said that about 100 works were submitted to the Republican stage.

According to him students from all universities, excluding Azerbaijan Art Academy, have submitted to the contest substantive paintings. He thanked those, who have contributed to the organization of the contest and highly praised the conduction of such events.

Deputy Education Minister said that the contest is one of a series of events held in the country within the 20th anniversary of Azerbaijan's independence. Noting the winners were defined by Jury consisted of staff of Azerbaijan Art Academy, G. Novruzov wished success to all participants.

Other speakers noted the importance of the contest in terms of identification the potential capacity of youth.

At the end, diplomas and gifts of the Ministry of Education were presented to the distinguished students.