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The Spartakiade has devoted to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The event was attended by Deputy Education Minister Gulnara Novruzova. She welcomed the participants and spoke about sporting opportunities created in the country, conduction of spartakiade and its results. According to G. Novruzova, the interest in sport creates positive turning points for children and young people, keeps them physically and mentally healthy, makes possible for them to keep up their position in society and abide by moral rules. Noting the existence of a solid foundation for the work with children and young people in the country, the Deputy Education Minister stressed the significant role of these kinds of events in physical and moral development of young generation.

G. Novruzova said that the winners of spartakiade were awarded in September and today's event is devoted to rewarding executive educators, methodologists and teachers, who have contributed to the conduction of spartakiade.

Next, G. Novruzova presented to the heads of city, district education departments and units, which teams have shown a high result in the spartakiade, as well as directors of initial vocational education establishments with cups and diplomas.

The award was presented in 3 categories. The first place in the first category on cities was given to the Baku City Education Department, second place to Sumgayit City Education Department, III place to the Mingchevir city and Lenkeran district education departments.

The winner of the first place held in the second category on districts became Jalilabad District Education Unit, the second place Sabirabad District Education Unit and the third place Gazakh and Gusar districts education units.

The winner of the first place held in the third category on vocational education establishments became Baku Professional Lyceum No.7, the second place Baku Professional Lyceum No.12 and the third place Baku Professional Lyceum No. 9.

At the end, directors of distinguished district education units, schools, methodologists and teachers were handed over honorary diplomas.