Speaking at the opening of the event, Rector of Azerbaijan State Oil Academy Siyavush Garayev gave detailed information on the activity of preparatory faculty for foreign citizens, which was established 50 years ago. He noted that, the faculty was the second training centre set up for foreigners in the former USSR.

According to the Rector, the Faculty, which has 13,000 graduates, has produced statesmen and leading scientific figures, production managers, oil and oil - chemical specialists for 103 countries in the world over the past 50 years. Noting there are famous people among alumni of the Faculty, S. Garayev stressed the role of teaching staff of the Faculty in preparing the high-level experts.

Having welcomed the event attendees, Education Minister Misir Mardanov stressed the important role of Azerbaijan State Oil Academy – the first institution of higher technical education of the country, which occupies its peculiar place in the latest history of science and education in producing highly qualified personnel for different fields of industry and economy. He noted that the higher education institution with a 91-year of history has made worthy contributions not only to Azerbaijan, also to different former USSR republics and other foreign countries by training professional personnel. The Minister said that, the preparatory faculty for foreign citizens has come a long way of development over the period of its activity and underlined the importance of his work.

Education Minister stressed that 2011 will be remembered for a number of significant events, including anniversary celebrations of some universities. Noting the most remarkable event happened in 2011was the election of Azerbaijan as non-permanent member of United Nations Security Council, the Minister praised this fact as a successful internal and external policy of President Ilham Aliyev.

Misir Mardanov congratulated the teachers and students of the Faculty on behalf of educators of the country on the anniversary and expressed his best wishes to them. The Minister presented 'Advanced education worker of Azerbaijan' badge and honorary diplomas to employees of the Faculty awarded with regard to 50th anniversary of the preparatory faculty for foreign citizens of the Academy and for their scientific – pedagogical activity in training highly qualified expert.

Next, Dean of the Faculty Rafig Kazimov, head of department for foreign languages of the Faculty Aida Yakovleva made a speech about works carried out with international students, and noted they will do their best for further preparation of high-qualified personnel.

Graduate from the Faculty, doctoral student, Moaoe Daas, a Syrian national, students of faculty for oil and gas industry Shang Lei, a Chinese national, and Nguyen Khuyen Guy from Vietnam made a speech about conditions created for them at the Academy to receive high knowledge and education and expressed their appreciation to the management and faculty teaching staff for the care and attention provided for them.