The event attendees were welcomed by Education Minister Misir Mardanov. He gave information on the International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), which was organized and sponsored by Intel Corporation, and noted that Azeri pupils took part in the Fair held in the USA for the first time.

Noting the goal of the competition, which has been held since 1950, is to increase creativity potential of pupils in the fields of science and technology, the Minister underlined that it is also creates a basis for the improvement of continuous professional training system within the triplet "school-university-doctoral study." According to him, about 500 winners from different countries of the world, who have competed in annually conducted local science fairs, took part in the final stage of the competition. The Minister said that the number of students wishing to demonstrate their science projects in the competition has been increased over the last years and praised that as a manifestation of the increasing interest in science intensive research.

According to the Minister the number of participated countries is constantly increasing, from 47 countries in 2006, 51 in 2009 and 67 in 2011 to 70 countries in 2012. Noting that Intel ISEF creates an opportunity for students to communicate with world-famous scientists and engineers, and to receive more information on prospects for their researches, the Minister informed that over 20 winners of the competition have become Nobel Prize laureates, and 3 contestants became winners of the Fields Medal for Mathematics.

The Minister said that, the national qualifying round of Intel ISEF the Scientists of Tomorrow competition was held from 23 to 24 February of the current year in Azerbaijan, where the winners were selected. According to him, Azerbaijan was represented in the Intel ISEF by 5 pupils. He highly praised the participation of Azeri pupils in the prestigious international competition and thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue. The Minister gave his advice and recommendations for the best preparation to the competition in the future. Noting the importance of good preparation to competitions the Minister put forward his ideas on creation of relevant centers, involvement of famous scientists in scientific fields included to the competition and take into consideration the international practice in the relevant field.

Next, Director of Science Department of the Ministry of Education Gultekin Huseynova gave a presentation on the conduction of Intel ISEF in Azerbaijan and the participation of Azeri pupils in the competition.

The event was attended by Deputy Education Minister Gulu Novruzov, Professor of Baku State University Rovshan Khalilov, Professor of IT and Programming Department of Sumgayit State University Javanshir Mammadov, Director of Lyceum named after academician Zarifa Aliyeva Mahabbat Valiyeva, Director of Baku European Lyceum Zulfiyya Veysova, associate professor of Baku State University Ismat Ahmadov and others. They have made a speech highly praising the participation of Azeri pupils in the International Science and Engineering Fair and shared their views concerning the preparation for competition.