A joint project of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Communication and Information Technologies, Ministry of Youth and Sports, State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Azerbaijani Node of Millennium Projects - Azerbaijan Futures Studies Society and covering pupils of IX-XI forms of secondary schools, students of higher and secondary specialized education entities, the Republic Essay Competition “Face to face with future generations” is implemented in our country since 2007.

Mikayil Jabbarov, the Ministry of Education, greeting the participants, highly valued this initiative, stressed the necessity of valuation of global challenges and learning by young generation, its special importance in secondary and higher education entities.

Ali Abbasov, the Minister of Communication and Information Technologies, valued the key motto of the competition – 15 global challenges to be in the central attention of pupils and students, emphasized the important role in more correct worldviews and profession chooses of the people.

Azad Rahimov, Minister of Youth and Sports, congratulated the winners and told that as a result of this project, young people were in search of new ideas.

Hijran Huseynova, chairman of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, stated the extensive global framework of the project and noted that future of the world would depend on the reactions of young people with regard to the philosophy of this challenge.

Ms. Concepcion Olavarrieta, author of “Global Millennium Prize” competition and chairman of the Mexico Node of Millennium Projects, and Elisabeth Florescu, director of the Research Centre of Millennium Projects also took the floor and expressed their satisfaction with high level organization of the competition.

51 persons were awarded with first three places on 15 nominations (global challenge) out of 890 competitions submitted. Out of them, 18 are students, 33 are pupils.

Among the winners there were students from the Azerbaijan State Economic University, Baku Slavic University, Azerbaijan Medical University, Ganja State University, Baku Business University, Baku Eurasia University, Sumgait State University, Baku State Social-Economic College along with pupils of Baku, Sumgait, Ganja, Ismayilli, Kurdamir, Gakh, Mingachevir, Yardimli, Khizi and Hajigabul.

Then the winners were awarded with valuable prizes.