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Main objective of the competition is to allow upper pupils to demonstrate their scientific achievements and identify the candidates to participate in annual Intel ISEF competition held in the US. In fact, this competition is a selection for the reputable international competition held among pupils of the world.

Mikayil Jabbarov, the Minister of Education, Sattar Mehbaliev, chairman of *Republican Committee of Independent Trade Union of Education Workers of the Azerbaijan*, Intigam Babayev, deputy minister of Youth and Sports, Tatyana Nanayeva, CIS country manager of ISEF, Vusal Khanlarov, executive director of "Madad" organization, managers of higher education institutions, principals of general education schools, teachers and pupils have participated at the opening ceremony.

Pupils from IX-XI classes of general education schools based in Baku, Sumgait and Nakhchivan participate at the III Republic Competition "Scientists of tomorrow". Organizers of the competition are the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, *Republican Committee of Independent Trade Union of Education Workers of the Azerbaijan* and "Madad" Organization. Establishment of scientific intercourse environment for scientists of tomorrow is of special attention by professor and teacher staff of the Baku State University, Sumgait State University, Gafgaz University and Nakhchivan State University, scientifically supporting the competition. Pupils are allowed to use advanced equipment of the mentioned education centers and research jointly with the scientific supervisor.

The competition is organized based on 8 categories (math, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine and health, ecology, engineering, computer sciences). 108 pupils participate in 65 scientific projects. 36 out of the projects are collective, 29 are individual. Board of judges consisting of leading scientists of the republic has been established for evaluation of the projects. Acceptable projects are only those with a new scientific idea, technical description of experiment, engineering project, and description of innovative computer program. Final stage of the competition accepts the projects reviewed by the Scientific Expertise Commission and of which the annotations are approved.

At the three-day competition the projects will be evaluated and there will be a meeting between reputable scientists of our country and pupils. Pupils and teachers of Baku and Sumgait schools, as well as press representatives may have opportunity to get acquainted with the projects. Then there will be awarding ceremony of winners.

The winners will be awarded with money, diploma and medal by the organizers.

5 pupils selected by the Board of Judges will have chance to take part in Intel ISEF competition to be held in Los Angeles of California state, USA in May of the current year.