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The event was attended by Firudin Gurbanov, Deputy Education Minister, Elkhan Mammadov, senior secretary of AFFA, representatives of sports community and secondary school executives.

The ceremony started with the national anthem of Azerbaijan Republic. Firudin Gurbanov, Deputy Education Minister making speech in the ceremony noted that goal in the organization of championship is to fulfill the obligations derived from "State Program on development of football for 2005-2015 years in the Azerbaijan Republic", to promote the first European Games to be held in Baku, increase sport mastery of the pupils and involve the juniors in the strong life style.

Firudin Gurbanov gave information about the measures taken by the Ministry of Education in the field of sports and noted that the ministry organizes regular competitions, tournaments and championships among students and pupils of secondary schools, vocational education and higher education institutions.

Now, the education system involves 2 specialized children and youth football school and football section in 60 children and youth sports school. In those schools, more than 11 thousands teenagers and youth engaged in football and about 400 trainers work.

The deputy minister emphasized the important efforts taken towards establishment of new sport arenas. At the same time, it's planned to increase the proficiency level of the trainers of the children and youth football schools and the football sections operating in sports schools and to organize C category coaching courses on the basis of the "Veten" Specialized Children and Youth Sports Schools of the Olympic Reserve together with AFFA in order to promote the development of the reserve players.

Mahabbat Valiyeva, the deputy head of the Baku City Education Department noted that such competitions generally increase the interest of students to the education. Sports competitions also promote more efficient leisure time of the pupils.

After the official opening ceremony, the games of 2nd phase of the Baku city championship of the pupils on mini football started. The contests will be organized on subgroups in this phase. Winners of subgroups will compete in the last phase.

Note that, the first phase of the championship was held in sports hall of 15 schools located in Baku. In this stage, 3660 boys, who study VIII grade of 35 secondary schools located in the capital joined the championship.

The championship will last till April 6. The winner teams of the competition, who will take first, second and third places, will be awarded with diplomas, cubes and other valuable gifts.