

The Baku-2015 First European Games that will be held with the participation of more than 6000 athletes from 49 European countries, create significant opportunities for Azerbaijan. It is planned to hold 253 races in 20 sports in the first European Games demonstrating Azerbaijan power and experience in hosting international events.

Holding the first European Games in Azerbaijan enables media coverage of competitions by the World's Leading Media Companies, as well as, recognition of our country in the international arena. The creation of new infrastructure and the construction of the sports arenas ensure Azerbaijan's hosting of other international competitions in the future, the increasing of interest towards a sport activity among young people and the formation of a healthy lifestyle. The organization of a large part of activities by young professionals and the participation of students from the most active layers of the society in this process are one of the remarkable features of holding the competitions in our country.

The vast majority of students studying in higher education institutions in the country, consisting of 112 000 volunteers are expected to participate in the organization of the first European Games in Baku in 2015. By taking part in the organization of the first European Games voluntarily, students contribute to the excellent organization of this great event, learn to fulfill their civic duties and acquire professional skills.

The preparatory process which is held within the framework of the Baku-2015 First European Games covers not only other areas of the country life, but also the higher education institutions. A number of measures are taken by students in higher education institutions on the eve of the Games. By participating in these events, students evaluate leisure time efficiently, improve their knowledge and skills, expand their friendship networks.

"SABAH volunteer" program, carried out with the participation of students of SABAH groups of the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan Republic plays a significant role in increasing the social activity and applying knowledge to practice, as well as developing management skills and leadership potential of students without leaving the academic training and by involving students in voluntary activity. "SABAH volunteer" operates in 7 higher education institutions, where SABAH groups have been established. Within the framework of the program, volunteers (in the form of teams) give creative ideas, put forward several initiatives and carry out planning and implementation of these initiatives.

"SABAH volunteer" supports the Baku-2015 First European Games, promotes its importance and benefit to the development of students. It is planned to implement a number of relevant measures with the participation of students in order to support the European Games and to involve the students of "SABAH" in this process.

It should be noted that all students studying in SABAH groups can participate in "SABAH volunteer" program, put forward their own initiatives, take part in implementation of these initiatives, as the organizer and participant. For this purpose, it is necessary to register at this address: [www.sabah.edu.az/az/sabahinkonullusu](http://www.sabah.edu.az/az/sabahinkonullusu). It is also possible to follow the activity of "SABAH volunteer" from the official website ([www.sabah.edu.az](http://www.sabah.edu.az)) and ) and of the official Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/sabah.edu.gov.az](http://www.facebook.com/sabah.edu.gov.az)) of SABAH groups.

It should also be noted that SABAH groups have been organized from Educated, Skilled and Trained students studying at higher education institutions under the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan Republic in order to improve the quality of education in higher education, to ensure personnel training in accordance with modern requirements and to create the new environment in the higher education system. Currently, SABAH groups cover 755 students in 34 specialties in 7 higher education institutions (Baku State University, Azerbaijan Architecture and Construction University, Azerbaijan Technical University, Azerbaijan State Economic University, Azerbaijan State Oil Academy, Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University and Azerbaijan University of Languages).