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“Japan Day” was held at the Extracurricular Training Center No.446 as part of the Year of Multiculturalism. Participants in the event included First Secretary at the Japanese Embassy in Azerbaijan Ko. Obata, head of the Division on Child and Youth Creativity at the Ministry of Education Ayla Hasanova, teachers and members of creative groups.

First Secretary at Japan's Embassy Ko. Obata highlighted nature, culture, arts, education system, traditions, language and cuisine of Japan. He taught children how to pronounce common phrases like “hello” and “thank you” in Japanese, and deciphered some hieroglyphs for them.

Ko. Obata said that Azerbaijan earned fame as a country where different ethnicities had lived in peace and mutual understanding for centuries. “The principles of tolerance lie at the heart of the country's policy. 2016 was declared the Year of Multiculturalism with the aim of preserving, developing and promoting Azerbaijan's traditions of multiculturalism.”

Winners of the Japan-hosted 23rd International Drawing Competition – member of “Gunash” Arts Studio of Extracurricular Training Centre No.446 Aytaj Guliyeva and member of the creative group at Nizami District Child and Youth Creativity Center Aisha Maarifova – were awarded certificates.

The event also featured performance by a dance troupe of Nizami District Child and Youth Creativity Center.