

## **An event dedicated to the “Year of Shusha” at LSU**

An event was held at Lankaran State University (LDU) in accordance with the decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On declaring 2022 the Year of Shusha” dated January 5, 2022, together with the Social and Agrarian-Technological College operating under the university. Officials of the Lankaran-Astara Regional Education and Regional Culture Departments also attended the event.



The participants of the event first got acquainted with the creative exhibition of paintings and crafts dedicated to the “Year of Shusha” by students of the university and the Social and Agrarian-Technological College operating under LSU in the Great Assembly Hall of the university.

The event was opened by the rector of LSU, Professor Natig Ibrahimov, and welcomed all the participants. Calling the festive event a pleasant event in the life of the university, the rector said that the declaration of 2022 as the “Year of Shusha” in our country by the President of the country, Mr. Ilham Aliyev, in connection with the 270th anniversary of the city of Shusha is a very progressive step. Noting that a number of events of international importance were held after the declaration of “Shusha as the cultural capital of Azerbaijan” - the “Kharibulbul” festival, “Vagif Poetry Days”, the 5th Congress of World Azerbaijanis, etc., Professor Natig Ibrahimov said that we have been eagerly waiting for the liberation of Shusha for 28 and a half years and today we have gathered for the festive event of liberated Shusha. The rector informed the participants of the event that a visit of the professor-teacher-student staff of Lankaran State University to the ancient city and cultural capital of Azerbaijan, Shusha, is also planned in the near future.



Head of the Lankaran-Astara Regional Education Department Elkhon Najafov and Head of the Lankaran Regional Culture Department Shahin Shahbazov in their speeches evaluated the Victory won in the 44-day Patriotic War as the most glorious page in the history of Azerbaijan. The speakers, who said in their speeches that the main goal of holding the event was to introduce, promote and convey to the young generation the rich culture, history and nature of Karabakh, including Shusha, noted that the love for Shusha is an integral part of the spiritual existence of every Azerbaijani. This city, which has always preserved its unique historical appearance and the unique environment it has formed, has written remarkable pages in our literary, cultural, scientific and public thought annals with the great personalities it has brought up. It was the victory in Shusha that became a celebration of the heroic spirit of our people and was inscribed in our history as Victory Day. The speakers noted with great pride that today, with the special attention and care of our esteemed President Mr. Ilham Aliyev, modern infrastructure is being built in Shusha, and the restoration of historical and cultural monuments is continuing at a rapid pace.



The event included an award ceremony for the winners of the regional science Olympiad held at LSU. The winners were presented with diplomas, medals and commemorative gifts. The event dedicated to the "Year of Shusha" continued with a magnificent competition-concert program on the theme of patriotism performed by students of Lankaran State University and the Social and Agrarian-Technological College operating under the university.

At the end of the event, the winners of the painting and mugham competitions were announced.