

*More than 160 participants from more than 74 countries of the world, representatives of UNESCO, ISESCO, as well as honored guests from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan attended the festival organized in Termez in accordance with the resolution of the Head of the state "On holding Bakhshi International Art Festival" of November 1, 2018.*

Representatives of 20 countries such as Turkey, Russia, Iran, Belgium, South Korea, China, Mongolia, Israel, Japan, Finland, Afghanistan demonstrated their talents in bakhshi-poets, akyns, jirovs and folk groups' contest held within the framework of the festival. Their performing skills were evaluated by jury members consisting of an outstanding art and culture figures, scientists, qualified specialists from France, South Korea, Russia, Turkey, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan.

Winners of the international contest were awarded with prizes at Termez Palace of Arts.

Gulnara Allamberganova from Karakalpakstan and Kim Huo Sung from South Korea were awarded with third degree diplomas, festival statuettes and cash prizes in the amount of 2500 USD.

Ilgam Baybuldin (3500 USD) from Russia, as well as Ashik Ali and Ashik Shamira (3500 USD) from Azerbaijan took the second place and awarded cash prizes in the amount of 7000 USD.

People's bakhshi of Uzbekistan Abdunazar Poyonov and Kerven Yovbosarov from Turkmenistan took the first place and awarded cash prizes in the amount of 5000 USD.

According to the decision of the jury, the Grand Prix of the contest held within the framework of Bakhshi International Art Festival and a cash prize in the amount of 7000 USD was awarded to Uljan Baybusinova from Kazakhstan. Winners were solemnly awarded with special diplomas and statuettes of the festival.

In addition, within the framework of the contest, winners of more than ten nominations were awarded with diplomas and cash prizes in the amount of 500 USD.

The solemn event ended with a big concert program with participation of art masters, bakhshi and young performers.

The Minister of Culture B.Sayfullayev attended the event.

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