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## **Anar Mammadov honored with international ‘Gold man of the year’ award**



**Washington, D.C— June 13, 2014---** The award was presented by Turkey’s Minister of European Union Affairs Mevlut Cavusoglu. This year’s list of laureates for the prestigious ‘Gold man of the year’ award, established by Turkey’s Ipek Yolu International Media Group, has been declared.

Oxu.Az reports that chairman of the Garant Holding Directors’ Board Anar Mammadov has been honored with the international ‘Gold man of the year’ award for his successful activity in popularizing the Azerbaijani culture as the head of the US-Azerbaijan Alliance, bringing the issues of Karabakh and Khojaly to the agenda and lobbying them.

It has to be noted that the influential ‘Gold man of the year’ award is presented for already the 11th year.

Turkey’s President Abdullah Gul, Deputy Prime Minister Bulant Arinc, former head of the Turkish parliament Ali Shahin are among those who were honored with this award in different years.

Ipek yolu media group which presents this award every year has been functioning in the world of media for over 20 years. Founded by specialist in the sphere of newspapers and television Seyfullah Turksoy, the media group still broadcasts up to 3000 programs on 10 major television channels.

It has been more than 20 years that the media group contributes to the Turkish-Azerbaijani friendship and development of fraternal relations. In different years the media group prepared

materials about the national leader of Azerbaijani people Heydar Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev. The group also presented programs aiming at drawing the world attention to the realities of Karabakh and Khojaly genocide.

The ceremony of presenting the 11th 'Gold man of the year' award as a result of the joint activity of the Ipek Yolu magazine and Ipek Yolu Strategic Research Center took place at Istanbul's Gonen hotel on June 13.

The event was attended by Turkey's Minister of European Union Affairs Mevlut Cavusoglu, Minister of Forestry and Water Economy Veysel Aroglu, general secretary of Turkey's ruling Party of Justice and Development Haluk Ipek, Kazakhstan's ambassador Zhanseyit Tuymebayev, Azerbaijan's ambassador to Turkey Hasan Sultan Zeynalov, Uzbekistan's ambassador to Turkey Abrar Gulamov, Russia's Businessman of the Year Ilham Rahimov, head of the Azerbaijan-Turkey Businessmen Association Jamal Yangin and other famous state and public figures and cultural representatives.

The 'Gold Man of the Year' award was presented to Anar Mammadov by Turkey's Minister of European Union Affairs Mevlut Cavusoglu.

The awarding ceremony involved important guests not only from Turkey but also from the United States, Russia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Romania, Kosovo, Holland, Spain and other countries. Along with a number of ministers and officials, the ceremony was attended by municipality heads, academicians, businessmen, art figures, politicians, sport figures and NGO and media representatives.

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