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Heads of delegation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries issue statement on Nagorno Karabakh

The Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov, Secretary of State of the United States John Kerry, State Secretary for European Affairs of France Harlem Desir issued the following statement on December 4.

We, the Heads of Delegation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries - Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov, Secretary of State of the United States John Kerry, State Secretary for European Affairs of France Harlem Desir - remain strongly committed to a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. There is no military solution, and we call on the sides to refrain from violence and work actively towards a lasting settlement.

We regret the upsurge in violence in the past year along the Line of Contact and the Armenia-Azerbaijan border. Military actions in July and August resulted in a significant loss of life, raised tensions and deepened mistrust between the sides. The sides must take additional actions to reinforce the ceasefire of 1994 and create a

more favorable atmosphere for advancing peace talks.

The November 12 downing of a military helicopter along the Line of Contact was an avoidable tragedy that underscored the importance of measures by the sides to reduce tensions, restore trust, and avoid future incidents. We appeal to all sides to demonstrate restraint to prevent further escalation. We also call on them to settle humanitarian issues in the spirit of the Astrakhan statement of October 2010 of the Presidents of Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation.

The three meetings between the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan in 2014 at Sochi, Newport, and Paris have revitalized the most important channel of communication between the sides. We welcome the agreement by the Presidents in Paris to intensify dialogue in the coming year. It is time for the sides to overcome disagreements, restore confidence, and honour their commitment to enter into a negotiating process that can result in a settlement. They are expected to acknowledge that the basis



for a comprehensive settlement are the elements and principles outlined in the joint statements by the Presidents of Russia, the United States, and France, especially those that were discussed during the last summit in Paris. Negotiations on a comprehensive peace agreement under the auspices of the Co-Chair countries should begin as soon as possible.

We remain ready to work closely with the sides to reach a lasting settlement and open a new chapter of peace, but stress that the primary responsibility to end the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict rests with the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Lithuania and Armenia agree on closer business ties

The Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists (LPK) and the Armenian Development Agency (ADA), as well as other enterprises and organisations of the two countries, signed memorandums of co-operation in Vilnius on November 30, reports LETA/ELTA.

According to President of the LKP Robertas Dargis, business relations between Armenia and Lithuania have not been strongly developed so far. However, taking into account the geopolitical situation, businessmen are interested in finding new markets.

"It is the first Lithuania-Armenia business forum but hopefully not the last one. The times are turbulent, there are a lot of changes and for Lithuanian industrialists it is important to expand their export horizons. Every country that might be of interest to us is highly important. In this aspect Armenia is interesting from economic and geographic point of

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Serzh Sargsyan: Economic growth in the past 20 years is obvious

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan attended today the 7th congress of the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen (Employers) of Armenia. Speaking at the event, President Sargsyan stressed that the economic progress over the past 20 years is obvious. The President presented the path the Armenian economy has passed in the course of two decades, drew parallels between the past and the present, referred to the existing challenges, the objective reality and the perspectives.



The President said industry and agriculture have managed to restore their place in the economic structure, parallel to the growth of exports. "The results of the current year will show that the trends continue. Agriculture and industry are expected to make 37.0% of the GDP, while the services (without trade) will reach about 32%," the President said.

He added that the financial system has expanded the volume of services, as a result of which double growth has been observed in the monetization indicators in 2014.

The President stressed the need to maintain the positive trends.

Chairman of the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen (Employers) Arsen Ghazaryan noted, in turn, that despite the fact that the business environment in Armenia needs to be improved; the Armenian economy is more competitive, flexible and ambitious compared to other countries in the region.

Armenian Parliament Ratifies Eurasian Union Entry



The National Assembly voted overwhelmingly on December 4 to ratify Armenia's controversial accession treaty with the Russian-led Eurasian Economic Union which President Serzh Sargsyan hopes will come into force next month.

The treaty signed by Serzh Sargsyan in October was backed by 103 members of the 131-seat Armenian parliament representing not only the ruling Republican Party (HHK) but virtually all opposition factions. Only 7 deputies voted against it, while another law-

maker abstained.

The vote followed three days of heated debates during which parliamentary opponents of Armenia's membership in the EEU decried what they see as a grave threat to national independence. They included all three members of the opposition Zharangutyun party's parliamentary faction and non-partisan opposition deputies like Alexander Arzumanyan and Nikol Pashinyan.

Vahram Baghdasaryan, the HHK's parliamentary leader, dismissed their concerns, saying that even Western powers have reacted "more calmly" to Sargsyan's controversial foreign policy choice. "There is no need to fret and worry," he said in a concluding speech.

Baghdasaryan also brushed aside arguments that the bloc comprising Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan holds no promise

for Armenia especially now that the Russian economy is plunging into recession partly because of Western sanctions. He said that the Russian crisis will not be long-lasting.

Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan, who was present at the parliament vote along with some cabinet members, likewise spoke of "good things" awaiting Armenia in the union. "That membership in the EEU will earn us benefits and that it will contribute to our economic development is a fact. You will see the results next year," he told reporters after the vote.

Abrahamyan noted at the same time that Armenia's macroeconomic performance in 2015 will hinge on the gravity of "regional economic problems." He appeared to allude to Russia's economic woes.

The main opposition parties other than Zharangutyun cited different reasons for

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Dr Vache' Gabrielyan appointed Deputy PM and Minister of International Economic Integration and Reforms



By a decree of a President Serzh Sargsyan, on 28 November Dr Vache' Gabrielyan was appointed the RA Minister of International

Eco-nomic Integration and Reforms.

And, according to the next decree by the President of Armenia signed on the same day, Dr Gabrielyan was appointed Deputy Prime Minister of the RA.

Mr Gabrielyan has received a really brilliant education:

After graduating in 1990 from the Economic Cybernetics Department of the Yerevan State University with the Honors diploma where he attended post-graduate courses in 1990-1992 as well, he received Master in Public Administration (MPA) in 1992, and Philosophy Doctor in Public Administration in 1998 from the Public Administration Department, Rutgers University (New Jersey, USA).

Notably, Mr Gabrielyan used to be Deputy Director of the National Center of

Public Efficiency of Rutgers University.

Dr Vache' Gabrielyan has been a Professor at the Yerevan State University and the American University of Armenia. He is the author of a number of scientific papers published both in Armenia and abroad.

Career Experience of Newly Appointed Deputy PM is pretty impressive as well:

1990-1992 - RA Parliament standing committee on financial - credit and fiscal policy, expert

1994-1998 -1998-1999 - Adviser to the Chairman of the Central Bank of Armenia 1999-2008 - CBA Board member

2008-2010 - CBA Vice-Chairman.

As of December 17, 2010 - Republic of Armenia Minister of Finance

On June 16, 2012, re-appointed to the

post of Minister of Finance

As of May 8, 2013 - Chief of RA Government Staff

2013-2014, Minister-Chief of Government Staff of the Republic of Armenia

2014 April-November - Chief Adviser to the Prime Minister

As of November 28, 2014, Deputy Prime Minister, RA Minister of International Economic Integration and Reforms.

Mr Gabrielyan is a rep of the Armenian intellectual elite; his parents *Vazgen* and *Zhenya* Gabrielyan are Professors at the Yerevan State University.

He is married *Hasmik Ghahramanyan*, an economist by trade, with two children, a daughter *Gayaneh*, 13 and a son *Hayk*, 7.

We wish all the success Mr Gabrielyan in his very important job.

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Knesset President backtracks on Armenian Genocide recognition

Knesset President Reuven Rivlin, formerly an outspoken advocate of Israel's recognition of the Armenian Genocide, decided not to renew his signature on an annual petition calling for Israel to officially recognize the mass killings as genocide, the Times of Israel reports.

Those responsible for the petition were surprised by Rivlin's change of stance, Israel's Channel 10 News reported on Thursday night, which was ascribed to the heightened sensitivity of his position since Rivlin was elected president earlier this year. The TV report said Rivlin was apparently concerned not to further harm Israel's strained relations with Turkey.

Ties have been all-but frozen in recent years, notably as a consequence of the 2010 killings of nine Turkish citizens by Israeli naval commandos who were attacked when they intercepted the Turkish vessel Mavi Marmara as it sought to break Israel's security blockade of Hamas-run Gaza.

The 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide will be commemorated on April 24, 2015.

Beit Hanassi, the president's official residence, confirmed that Rivlin had not signed the petition, Channel 10 said. It said unnamed Foreign Ministry officials welcomed the president's "statesmanship."

Israel has avoided formally recognizing the Armenian Genocide in the political arena for years, for fear of straining diplomatic ties with Turkey, which was Israel's closest ally in the Muslim world until the deterioration under the leadership of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, an open supporter of Hamas who has issued a stream of highly critical statements about Israel.

In years past, Rivlin on numerous occasions encouraged Israeli



lawmakers to reject the politicized discourse that has dominated the discussion of the issue. "I'm aware of the sensitivity, but I'm not blaming modern-day Turkey," Rivlin told Knesset members last year, when he was still an MK himself. "The government that committed these acts was overturned by Turkey itself," he said during a special session on the topic.

"I'm sure Turkey will be an ally. I think a solution needs to be found for this crisis, but it's unthinkable that the Knesset ignore this tragedy," Rivlin said. "We demand that people don't deny the Holocaust, and we can't ignore the tragedy of another nation," he said.

During an interview with Israel Army Radio in 2013, Rivlin highlighted the differences between the Holocaust and the murder of the Armenian people. But without blurring those differences, Israel must find a way to "fulfill its moral obligation of remembering wrongs done to others," he said.

Parliament Majority Rejects Voting Reform

The ruling Republican Party of Armenia (HHK) blocked on December 2 an opposition bill on electoral reforms that would reduce its chances of retaining control over parliament in the next legislative elections.

The bill drafted by the Armenian National Congress (HAK), Prosperous Armenia and Zharangutyun parties was backed by 54 deputies, among them members of two other opposition parties represented in the National Assembly. Fifty-nine other deputies, almost all of them HHK members, voted against its passage.

The proposed amendments to Armenia's Electoral Code called for the conduct of the next parliamentary elections only under the system of proportional representation. The HAK, the BHK and Zharangutyun say that this would increase chances of their freedom and fairness.

In the last Armenian elections held in 2012, 90 of the 131 seats in the National Assembly were contested on a party-list basis. The remaining 41 seats were distributed in nationwide single-mandate constituencies. The HHK retained its parliamentary majority in those polls thanks to its very strong showing in those constituencies, which opposition groups attribute to vote buying and other irregularities.

The bill blocked by the HHK also envisaged that electoral commissions would release the lists of voters who cast ballots in elections. The Armenian opposition has long sought such an amendment, saying that it would prevent multiple fraudulent voting in favor of the ruling party.

The voting reforms were one of the 12 political and economic demands voiced by the three opposition parties in June. The Armenian government's effective



refusal to meet most of them led the trio to hold a series of anti-government demonstrations this fall. President Serzh Sargsyan said after those protests last month that his cabinet will "once again address" those demands. The government went on to offer to negotiate with the opposition.

The HAK, the BHK and Zharangutyun dismissed the offer before introducing the bill later in November. They said it will test the Sargsyan administration's stated commitment to dialogue with them.

Armenia to host the Foreign Ministers' Conference of the International Organization of Francophonie



On 29th-30th November the 15th Summit of International Organization of Francophonie was held in Dakar. The event was attended by high-level delegations from 80 members, associated and observer states of the Organization, led by Heads of states and governments, Ministers of Foreign Affairs. The Foreign Minister of Armenia Edward Nalbandian represented Armenia at Summit.

The Summit confirmed the unanimous decision of the Foreign Ministers' Conference of International Organization of Francophonie to approve the proposal of holding the 2015 Ministerial Conference of Francophonie in Armenia.

Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian delivered a speech at the Summit, touching upon the active role by Armenia in the francophone family, OIF activities, Organization agenda issues, pressing issues faced by the international community.

Presenting to the Heads of states of Francophonie the efforts exerted by Armenia and the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs towards peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh issue and the situation

created as a result of the provocative acts undertaken by Azerbaijan, Edward Nalbandian particularly said:

"Regarding the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, I would like to share with you our deep concern over the current situation in the region created as a result of the provocation and gross violation of cease-fire regime by Azerbaijan.

During the last three months the Co-Chair countries, the President of Russia in Sochi, the Secretary of State of the USA in Newport, and the President of France in Paris, with participation of the Heads of States of Armenia and Azerbaijan, organized Summit meetings aimed first at reducing the tensions and preventing further escalation of the situation.

Unfortunately, the Azerbaijani leadership refused to fulfill its commitments taken during high-level meetings - to settle this issue exceptionally through peaceful means and resorted to criminal provocations to further escalate the situation.

The shooting down by the Azerbaijani armed forces of the helicopter of the Nagorno-Karabakh Defense Army during a training flight took the lives of three young servicemen. Azerbaijan, grossly violating international humanitarian law, for almost ten days continuously kept the area of the helicopter shooting under intensive fire, hindering rescue teams, representatives of the international organizations - the OSCE, International Committee of the Red Cross - to evacuate the bodies of killed crew mem-

bers, rejecting the respective appeal of the OSCE MG Co-Chairs. Under these circumstances the Nagorno-Karabakh Defense Army had to undertake a special operation to evacuate the remains of the crew members.

Despite the efforts exerted by Azerbaijan towards undermining the negotiation process, together with the international community Armenia will continue the joint efforts towards exceptionally peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. This is a commitment I would like to reaffirm here.

The current situation requires the reaffirmation of our Organization's commitment to fully support the efforts exerted by the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs towards a peaceful resolution of this conflict and urge to refrain from threat or use of force and accept the Principles proposed by the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, made as an integrated whole, as a basis for negotiations, particularly the principles of non-use of force or threat of force, territorial integrity, and equal rights and self-determination of peoples as a foundation for a lasting settlement of the conflict."

Minister Nalbandian offered gratitude to the member-states of the Organization for the expressed confidence to hold the 2015 Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of International Organization of Francophonie in Armenia and assured that no effort will be spared to organize the conference on high level in Yerevan.

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their decision to acquiesce Armenia's accession to the EEU. "We are not voting for the steps taken by the authorities," said Tigran Urikhanyan of the Prosperous Armenia Party (BHK), the second largest parliamentary force. "They could and should have been better. We are voting for not damaging Armenia at this particular moment."

Several members of the BHK's 36-strong faction, including the party's leader Gagik Tsarukyan and former Foreign Minister Vartan Oskanyan, were conspicuously absent from the parliament or did not take part in the vote.

The much smaller faction of the opposi-

tion Armenian National Congress (HAK) backed the treaty while acknowledging risks emanating from EEU membership. "At any moment member states can decide to leave the union and complete that process within a year. Therefore, all talk of a loss of independence is purely emotional," Levon Zurabyan, the HAK's parliamentary leader, told fellow lawmakers.

Zurabyan claimed that President Sargsyan's alleged lack of domestic legitimacy is more of a threat to Armenia's sovereignty than Russia or the EEU. This is why, he said, Yerevan will be "obeying and executing orders, rather than raising issues and voicing demands" in the EEU after completing the accession process.

The Armenian Revolutionary Federation (Dashnaksutyun), another major opposition party, said joining the EEU is critical for Armenia's national security. "We don't just lack a better alternative. We have no alternative at all," Dashnaksutyun's Armen Rustamyan said, referring to the country's close security ties to Russia.

Serzh Sargsyan unexpectedly decided last year to make Armenia part of the Russian-led alliance after years of negotiations with the European Union on a far-reaching Association Agreement. The EU abandoned the agreement following the volte face widely attributed to strong Russian pressure.

Armenian exchange rates 'under control'

The Armenian authorities will stabilize the exchange rate of the national currency, the dram, and prevent a surge in consumer prices, Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan said on December 3, echoing statements by the Central Bank.

Abrahamyan blamed the worsening economic situation in Russia on recent weeks' sizable depreciation of the Armenian dram. "There is no problem. The Central Bank keeps the situation under control and I think that things will be sorted out in the next few days," he told reporters.

The dram has weakened by more than 6 percent against the U.S. dollar since mid-November amid falling cash inflows from Armenians working in Russia. The Russian ruble has depreciated even more

sharply in the same period, owing to a steady decrease in international oil prices and the impact of Western economic sanctions.

After the dram lost 1.7 percent of its value on Tuesday the Central Bank insisted that it has sufficient hard currency reserves to prevent further exchange rate fluctuations. The exchange rate was virtually unchanged on Wednesday.

Hovik Abrahamyan insisted that the weaker dram will not push up consumer price inflation in Armenia. "Inflation is within a 5 percent range, which I consider normal," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Vache Gabrielyan likewise told the Armenian parliament earlier in the day that the authorities will keep the annual inflation



rate within their target band of 4 percent (± 1.5 percentage points) set for 2014. He said average inflation stood at just 1.5 percent as of last month.

Both Abrahamian and Gabrielyan also said that state anti-trust regulators would act quickly to sanction businesses trying to capitalize on the exchange rate instability with "undue" prices hikes.

Freedom on the Net 2014: Armenia ranked as a "free" country

Armenia is ranked as a "free" country in the Freedom on the Net 2014 report released by the Freedom House today.

Georgia is also ranked as "free," while Azerbaijan, Russia, Turkey are among countries in the "partly free" category.

Iceland tops the ranking, followed by Estonia and Canada, Armenia's southern neighbor Iran is at the bottom of the table, Public Radio of Armenia reports.

According to the report, "the internet penetration rate in Armenia has continued improving over the past few years, accompanied by fewer restrictions on online content. Additionally, citizen groups and NGOs have made use of online communication tools to organize campaigns and promote policy changes in the country."

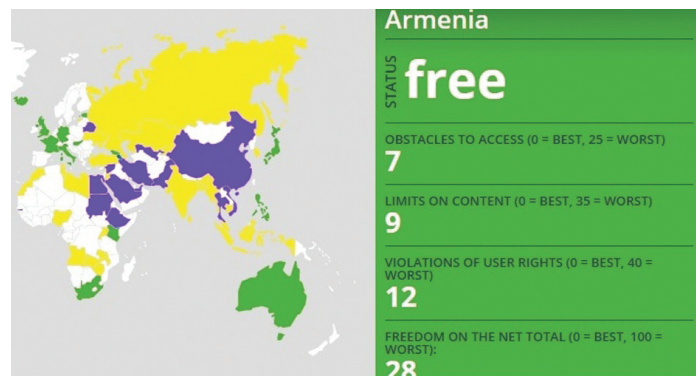
According to the International Telecommunication Union, the internet penetration rate in Armenia stood at 46 percent in 2013, compared with 39 percent in 2012 and just 6.2 percent in 2008.

The Armenian mobile phone penetration rate reached 112.4 percent in 2013, compared to 111.9 percent in 2012 and 48.4 percent in 2008. Access to mobile broadband is available throughout the majority of the country and is affordable for much of the population.

In practice, the Armenian government and the telecommunication regulatory authority, the Public Services Regulation Commission (PSRC), do not interfere with or try to influence the planning of network topology. Operators plan and develop their networks without any coordination with either the government or the regulatory authority.

Armenian internet users enjoy access to internet resources without limitation, including peer-to-peer networks, voice and instant messaging services such as Skype and Google Talk, and popular social networks such as Facebook, YouTube, and Odnoklassniki.

The Armenian government does not consistently or perva-



sively block users' access to content online.

Currently, self-censorship is not a widespread practice in the online sphere. The Armenian government and the ruling political elite have avoided the application of any extralegal measures to prevent political opponents or independent internet resources from publishing online content.

Freedom on the Net 2014 - the fifth annual comprehensive study of internet freedom around the globe, covering developments in 65 countries that occurred between May 2013 and May 2014 - finds internet freedom around the world in decline for the fourth consecutive year, with 36 out of 65 countries assessed in the report experiencing a negative trajectory during the coverage period.

In a departure from the past, when most governments preferred a behind-the-scenes approach to internet control, countries rapidly adopted new laws that legitimize existing repression and effectively criminalize online dissent.

The past year also saw increased government pressure on independent news websites, which had previously been among the few uninhibited sources of information in many countries, in addition to more people detained or prosecuted for their digital activities than ever before.

Made in Artsakh: Karabakh-made products conquer international markets



The high-quality products made in Artsakh are conquering the international markets. The recent achievements of the Stepanakert Cognac Factory only come to prove this.

The "Madatov" brandy made in

Nagorno Karabakh won the "Best brand" award at the CUBAEXPO 2014 exhibition held in Havana earlier this month, the factory's press service said.

The Berdashen Khndoghni wine was awarded a silver medal at the 18th International Competition of Wines and Alcoholic Drinks held in Russia, while the 10 and 15 year-old "Madatov" brandy received a gold medal.

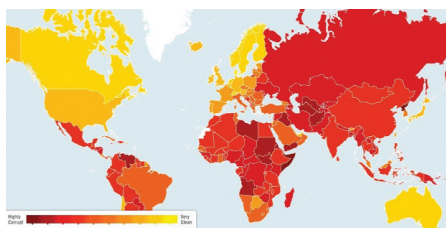
More than 4,500 companies from 60 countries participated in CUBAEXPO 2014. The exhibition in Russia featured representatives of counties with rich

wine-making traditions, such as France, Italy, Georgia, Spain, Bulgaria, Morocco, Moldova, Austria, Russia and others.

"These are important steps that contribute to the popularization of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the world, despite Azerbaijan's efforts," Director of the Yerevan branch of the Stepanakert Cognac Factory Ashot Martirosyan said.

"In the modern world the image of a country is determined by its economic competitiveness and the availability of national brands on international markets," he added.

Armenia 94th in Corruption Perceptions index 2014



Armenia ranks 94th among 174 countries in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2014 released by the Transparency International.

With 37 points from 100 possible Armenia shares the 94th place with Panama, Egypt, Columbia, Gabon and Liberia.

Armenia's neighbors are placed as follows: Georgia - 50th, Turkey - 64th, Azerbaijan - 126th, Russia shares the 136th place with Iran, Nigeria, Lebanon, Cameroon and Kyrgyzstan.

Denmark is in top of the ranking, followed by New Zealand and Finland.

The Corruption Perceptions Index ranks countries and territories based on how corrupt their public sector is perceived to be. A country or territory's score indicates the perceived level of public sector corruption on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

A country or territory's rank indicates its position relative to the other countries and territories in the index. This year's index includes 175 countries and territories.



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- 3012. **Aram str**, Newly built, /7th floor, 136sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, facing to bulvar, Price: 300.000 USD negotiable.
- 2998. **North Ave**, Newly built, 9/6, 181sq.m, 3 bedrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking, Price: 700.000 USD
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- 2950. **Aram str.**, Newly built, 5th floor, 176 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, office, zero state, Price: 310.000 USD
- 2836. **Pushkin str.**, 4/4, 5, 400sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 460.000 USD.
- 2990. **North Ave.**, Newly built, 11th floor, 295sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: Negotiable.

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- 1789. **Charents str.** Land-1270sq.m, 5 storied building, each floor-400sq.m., basement, capitally repaired, parkings. Price: 4.000.000 USD negotiable
- 1598. **Komitas, Nairy Zaryan str.**, 1000 sq.m., working restaurant, 1st line, capitally repaired. Price: negotiable.
- 1603. **Northern Ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 160 sq.m., zero level, window glasses. Price: 2.600.000 USD.
- 2035. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: Negotiable
- 2013. **Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 1.300.000\$ negotiable
- 2012. **Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 1.100.000\$ negotiable
- 2155. **Mashtots ave.**, 3storied building, 540sq.m., each floor-180sq.m, window glasses, parking. Price: 3.600.000 USD
- 2020. **Hr. Kochar str.**, Land-300sq.m, 1st line, 4storied building, 1080sq.m., each floor-270sq.m, h-3.6m, without divisions, parkings, 3 access. Price: 1.400.000 USD negotiable
- 1986. **Cascade**, Land 1000sq.m. 3storied building 1200sq.m., unfinished, parking. Price: 1.000.000 USD.
- 2167. **Sayat Nova str.**, newly built, 38sq. m, capitally repaired. Price: 200.000 USD
- 2175. **Tumanyan str**, Ground and 1st floor of the building, 600sq.m, ground floor 300sq.m, 1st floor-220sq.m, basement-80sq.m., - 1st line, zero level, 2 entrances, facade-15m, 4 window glasses, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, Price: 3500 USD per sq.m,
- 2172. **Isahakyan str**, 92sq.m, 1st line, 7 degrees above zero level, facade-9m, 2 window glasses, h-3.20m, 2 halls, cabinet, bathroom, capitally repaired, heating system. Price: 450.000 USD

LANDS

- 2122. **Davitashen**, 1800 sq.m., water, gas, electricity, possible to sell separately 600 sq.m., and 1200 sq.m. Price: 150 USD per sq.m.
- 2121. **Demirchyan str.**, 1338 sq.m., building permits. Price: 2million USD.
- 2013. **Cascade**. 1000 sq.m. building permits, first line, gas, water and electricity possibilities. Price 460.000USD
- 1402. **Hr. Kochar Str.**, 1100 sq. m., facade -25 m. Price negotiable.
- 2090. **Lori region**, close to Stepanavan, Gyargyar village, 6 hectares, forest 2 hectare has building permits, 3 water source, electricity. Price: 100.000USD.
- 2406. **Avan**, Mher Mkrtyan block, 1000 sq.m., electricity, gas, water, the district is inhabited. Price: 30USD per sq.m
- 2310. **Monument, Babayan str**, 1000 sq. m, facade-25m, privatized, Price: 350 USD negotiable
- 2107. **Monument**, 2400sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: 400 USD per sq.m.
- 2413. **Ashtarak roadway**, 1000sq.m, building permits, building project. Price: Negotiable
- 2414. **Demirchyan str.** land-750sq.m., building permits. Price: 750.000 USD.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 3348. **Blur, Barbyus str.** Land - 800 sq.m, 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1.2 million USD
- 3146. **Aygestan**, Land-500 sq.m., 5 storied bld-765 sq.m., each floor-180 sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, elevator. Price: 2.300.000 USD.

- 3583. **Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 1.350.000 USD.
- 3432. **Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m, 3 storied bld.-501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, boiler room garden, swimming pool, sauna, garage, security system. Price: 1.000.000 USD
- 3576. **Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitally repaired, heating system, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 850.000 USD
- 3606. **Avan**, Tsarav Akhbyur/near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-1.500.000 USD
- 3574. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 2.000.000 USD



- 3590. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450 sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 680.000 USD
- 3651. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: 1.700.000 USD.
- 3401. **Antarayin str**, Newly built, land-700sq.m, 3 storied bld-690sq.m, 5 bedrooms, capitally repaired. Price: 1.300.000 USD

NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

- 74. **Cascade**, Verin Antarayin. 136-315 sq m., walls plastered, electricity, water, gas, euro windows, no exploitation fees. Price: 1200 USD per sq.m, parking -15.000 USD.
- 107. **Monument**, Verin Antarayin. inhabited, 8 floors, gas, windows, street view -1000 USD per sq.m., city looking -1500 USD per sq.m., parking - 4 million USD preliminary.
- 87. **Sayat-Nova str.**, 21 floors, 3 bedrooms -188 sq.m., 199 sq.m., Price 1900 USD per sq.m., 2 bedrooms have a beautiful sight - 117 sq.m., 120 sq.m., 124 sq.m., Price: 1700 USD per sq.m., climate control, gas.
- 93. **Kievyan str.**, Given to the operation in October 2011, 16 floors, walls plastered, windows, exterior doors, h -3, 15 m, gas, parking. Price: 1500-1600USD per sq.m, parking-12 000 USD. Possible with mortgage, for 13 years term.
- 94. **Masiv**. 3 floors, 8 flats, each flat has 3 bedrooms, 210 sq.m., parking. Price: negotiable.
- 130. **Antarayin str.**, 34 flats, 110-275 sq.m., 4 penthouses-200-275sq.m., available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 131. **Busand str.**, commercial, office and residential areas, penthouse, available services-car wash, cleaning service, garbage removal service, parking. Price: Negotiable



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1 ROOM

- 2037.**Baghramyan str.**, 5/2, 60sqm, 1 bedroom, euro repaired, gas, heating system, AC, modern furnished, equipped. Price: negotiable
- 2189.**Vardanants str.**, Newly built, 24/12, 90 sqm, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD.
- 2099.**Sayat-Nova Ave.**, 12/6, 1 bedroom, capitally repaired, gas, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 600 USD.
- 1972.**Northern ave.**, 8/4, 80sq.m., 1 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 1200 USD
- 2171.**Tumanyan str.**, Newly built, 5th floor, 94 sq.m., 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, capitally repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped. Price: 1000 USD
- 2367.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9th floor, 98 sq.m., capitally repaired, heating system, furnished equipped. Price: Negotiable.

2 ROOMS

- 2302 **North Ave**, Newly built, 11/4, 137sq.m, 2bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2295 **North Ave.**, Newly built, 16/15, 173sq.m., 2bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 5000 USD
- 2290 **Bayron str.**, Newly built, /5th floor, 220sq.m, 2bedrooms, study, open kitchen, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, furnished, parking. Price: 4000 USD
- 1780.**Amiryan str**, Newly built, /13th floor, 82 sq.m, 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD negotiable.
- 942.**Teryan str.** 4/3, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: 1500 USD.
- 1950.**Buzand/Mashtots area**. Newly built, 8th floor, 163 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, furnished, open balcony. Price: 2500 USD.
- 1681.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 6/2, 130 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1535.**Busand str.**, Newly built, 7/4, 82sq.m, 2bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable.
- 2089.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 8/6, 120sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, furnished, equipped. Price: 2500 USD
- 1738.**Amiryan str.**, 8/8, 159sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 1951.**Busand str.**, Newly built, 13th floor, 122sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control. Price: 2500 USD
- 1406.**Sayat Nova ave.**, 7/3, 110sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable
- 2187.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 9/5, 120 sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2.200 USD
- 2109.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 10/4, 137sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 2243.**Buzand str**, Newly built, 17/4, 125sq.m, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD
- **Amiryan str**, Newly built, 14/5, 120sqm, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, partly furnished. Price 2000 USD

3 ROOMS AND MORE

- 2303 **Hanrapetutyan str** Newly built, 9/5, 165sq.m, 3bedrooms, 1bathroom, 1 guest toilet. capitally repaired, furnished, parking. Price: 2000 USD
- 2286.**Sose str**, Newly built, 12/2, 154sq.m, 3bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 1700 USD

- 2257.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 17/16, 160 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, parking. Price: Negotiable
- 2021.**Teryan Str.**, Newly built, 9/8, 9, 245 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished. Preliminary price: 3500 USD.
- 2005.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/8, 130 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, parking. Price: 2200 USD.
- 1723.**Northern Ave.**, Newly built, 8/4., 170 sq.m 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, open kitchen, capitally repaired, furnished, equipped. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1981.**Vardanants Str.**, Newly built, 14/14, 140 sq m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heat-



- ing system, AC, 3 open balconies, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 2000 USD.
- 1793.**Teryan str.**, Newly built, 8th floor, 260 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, climate control, parking, unfurnished (possible to furnish), Price: 3500 USD.
- 1720.**Amiryan str.**, Newly built, 16/10, 179 sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, cellar- 25sq.m, with or without furniture, parking, Price 3000 USD negotiable
- 2195.**Northern ave.**, Newly built, 3rd floor, 300sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, climate control, AC, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2261.**Hin Yerevantsi**, /North Avenue/, Newly built, 10/3, 124sq.m., 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped, parking. Price: 1700 USD
- 2084.**Tumanyan str.**, 4th floor, 200sq.m, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 2252.**Northern ave**, 7th floor, 350 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, open balconies, capitally repaired, climate control, parking. Price Negotiable.

PRIVATE HOUSES

- 1335 **Baghramyan str.**, Land-200sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 3000 USD
- 1336 **Aygedzor**, Land-1000sq.m, 2 storied bld-240sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooom, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 2000 USD
- 1337 **Davtashen** Land-406sq.m, 3 storied bld-306sq.m, 4bedrooms, 2bathrooms, capitally repaired, furnished. Price: 3900 USD
- 1323.**Monument, Babayan str**, Land-400sq.m, 3storied bld-300sq.m, 4bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired. Price: Negotiable
- 1248.**Aygedzor**, Land - 1021 sq m ,3 storied bld. - 501 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, central heating, AC, sauna, boiler room garden, swimming pool, garage, alarming system, security system. Price: 8000 USD.
- 999.**Aygedzor**, Land -1000 sqm, basement + 2 floors- 310 sqm, capitally repaired, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, newly furnished, equipped, sauna, swimming-pool. Starting Price: 5000 USD.
- 1094.**Noy block**, Land-450sqm, 2 storied building - 220sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden. Price: 2000USD.
- 1195.**Nork, Armenakyan str.**, Land - 2000 sq.m, 4 storied bld.-520 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna, gym, furnished, swimming-pool, garden. Price: 4.000 USD

- negotiable.
- 1142.**Djrvej**, Bagrevand community. Land-1000 sq.m., 3 storied bld.-700 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, pantry, playing room, capitally repaired, no furniture/ can be furnished, if necessary /garage for 2 cars. Price: 4 000 USD.
- 1293.**Nork-Marash**, Land-1100sq.m, 2 storied bld-520 sq.m, 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, swimming pool, garden. Price: 7.000 USD
- 327. **Nork-Marash**, Land-500sq.m., 4 storied building-600 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking. Price-4000 USD
- 1306. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-1000sq.m., 3 storied building-750sq.m., 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, capitally repaired, heating system swimming pool, garden, sauna, 2 car parking, with or without furniture. Price: 6000-8000 USD negotiable
- 1288. **Tsarav Akhbyur** /near Botanical garden/, Land-560sq.m., 4 storied building-560 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4bathrooms, a kitchen, office, capitally repaired, heating system, furnished, equipped, swimming pool, garden, 2 car parking. Price: 5000 USD
- 1197. **Blur**, Land-779sq.m., 2 storied building-720sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, study, capitally repaired, heating system, sauna swimming pool, garden. Price: 8000 USD
- 1312. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-450sq.m., 4 storied building-470sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable
- 1317. **Blur, Barbyus str.**, Land-900sq.m., 5 storied building-800sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, garden. Price: Negotiable.
- 1323. **Monument, Babayan str**, Land - 400 sq.m, 3 storied bld-300sq.m, each floor-100sq.m, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, capitally repaired, heating system, AC, furnished, equipped. Price: Negotiable

PREMISES

- 2049.**Teryan str**, ground floor+basemnet, 1st line, 200sq.m, repaired. Price: 6.000 USD
- 1693.**Malatia-Sebastia** 4 storied building, 1200sq.m, each floor-300sq.m, 2 separate entrances, climate control, 2 elevators, basement, parking. Price: 15USD per sq.m.
- 1526.**Byuzand str.**, 5/semi-basement, 170 sq.m., 4-5 degrees below zero level, window glasses, cellar - 50 sq.m., 6 rooms, the largest is 30 sq.m., 2 entrances, 2 lavatories. Price 2000 USD per month, negotiable.
- 1408.**Zarobyan str.**, /parallel to Baghramyan str./, 2 storied building, 600 sqm. ground floor- hall and kitchen, 1st floor 5 rooms, bathroom, open balcony, capitally repaired, gas, heating system, parking. Price: Negotiable.
- 1462.**Teryan str.**, 3 storied building, 800 sq.m., capitally repaired, AC, parking, Price: 10.000 USD.
- 1945.**Mashtots Ave.**, 5/1, 2, 140sq.m., window glasses, capitally repaired, AC. Price: 8000 USD
- 1943.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 265sq.m., 1st line, capitally repaired, heating system, cellar. Price: 7000 USD
- 1868.**Tumanyan str.**, Ground floor of the building, 220sq.m., 1st line, facade-55m., capitally repaired, h-5m., cellar. Price: 15.000 USD.
- 2087.**Northern ave.**, Ground floor of the building, 100sq.m, 1st line, zero level, capitally repaired, window glasses. Price: Negotiable.
- 2033.**Abovyan str**, 388sq.m, Ground floor of the building, 3 degrees above zero level, window glasses, h-3m., basement-235sq.m, capitally repaired, heating system, AC. Price: 15.000 USD
- 2031.**Vardanants str**, 500sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, facade-20m, window glasses, without divisions, ,basement-250sq.m, Price: 8000 USD
- 2027.**Sayat Nova str**, 95sq.m, ground floor of the building, 2 entrances, 7 degrees above zero level, 4 window glasses, capitally repaired. Price: 4.000 USD

Ralph Yirikian: "Village Children Deserve a Better Future..."

VivaCell-MTS: Helping Kids (and Not Only Kids...) in Rural Areas, Gifted Youngsters and New Year Surprises Indeed...

Welcoming of Creativity Lab in Hatsik Community of Armavir Marz

VivaCell-MTS and COAF's Collaboration Results in the Opening of the 4th Technologically Enhanced Educational Facility

VivaCell-MTS and the Children of Armenia Fund (COAF)'s continuous collaboration resulted in the opening of the fourth Creativity Lab in Armenia, in correspondence with all the requirements of modern technologies. The students of Hatsik Community of Armavir Marz have been provided with opportunities to make use of the services offered by the new learning center, equipped with a smart board, modern computers, as well as special mobile furniture.

Up to date, the construction and utilization of Creativity Labs has been beneficial for the children of Sardarapat and Vanand communities of Armavir Marz and Arteni community of Aragatsotn Marz. Considering education as a catalyst for youth empowerment, COAF makes improved physical infrastructure and learning environment of rural schools an integral part of its programs to help students realize and reach their full potential. With the support provided by VivaCell-MTS, these initiatives reach a qualitatively new level and become commensurate with standards of excellence, complementing educational facilities with information and communication technologies.

The environment of the newly established educational hubs allows for the development of creativity skills among children and youth, encourages such correlation of activities as effective use of computers, IT classes, training sessions, lectures, reading, discussion, intellectual games and creative work.

"Quality education is a chance of a better life. Our joint project is aimed to equip children in the villages with knowledge and opportunities to develop their creativity. Growing up a knowledgeable generation presupposes improving the quality of education, improving physical and learning environment, and better teaching and learning methods. We have to make steps in order to close the gap between towns and villages in terms of introducing new methods of secondary education. Village children deserve a better future", VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian stated.

With regard to the successful implementation of the project, COAF Director Anoush Yedigaryan highlighted: *"COAF's long-term experience in working with the rural children has proven many times that our youth is multi-talented and goal-oriented, and they much welcome any opportunity for growth and development. We are grateful that our reliable partner VivaCell-MTS attaches great importance to this fact and continuously supports our programs. The analysis of the activities implemented in the premises of creativity labs handed over for the past few*



years has demonstrated that both children and teachers engage enthusiastically in the events taking place in these educational facilities, which is an important factor in determining the effectiveness of the project".

At present, COAF is completing the capital renovation and refurbishment of the Hatsik School, and recently the School



Cafeteria and Brushdrome have been put into operation and "Healthy Nutrition" and "Dental Hygiene" programs have been launched. The Hatsik youth are participants of COAF's "Entrepreneurship and Practice for Youth" program, and the local psychologists are participants of the "Support for School Psychologists" program. As part of COAF's Child & Family Support Services, social services are being provided by the local social workers.

In 2014, through VivaCell-MTS assistance, COAF will hand over two more creativity labs in Lori Marz and one technologically enhanced classroom in Getashen com-

munity of Armavir Marz in the first quarter of the coming year respectively.

The final stage of the "Line Following and Object Collecting Robots" competition was held

The final stage of the "Line Following and Object Collecting Robots" competition took place in the "Yerevan Expo" center.

Eleven teams participating in the contest had successfully completed the task.

Upon the decision of the competition jury the first prize was shared between the "IRC" team from Yerevan and the "Digital Cloud" team representing the Gyumri branch of Yerevan State Architecture Institute. The robots designed and equipped with special technical solutions perfectly performed their tasks gathering the maximum number of points. The "Digital Cloud" team is also the winner of the "Eco Robot" competition held in the frames of the "DigiTech" 2014 International Technological Exhibition, and the "IRC" team was formed from the visitors of the "Robots in Everyday Life" festival. On the first stage of the competition the teams presented their robot development projects and were given spare parts required for robot creation.

The "Digital Cloud" team became the winner in the "Best technical solution" nomination, and the "Gavar" team of the Gavar N2 secondary school received the "Youngest team" incentive award.

The competition has been held since 2008 within the frames of the "ArmRobotics" project of the Union of Information Technology Enterprises. The project is aimed at arousing interest towards high technologies among the youth and at revealing gifted students that can become professionals in different spheres of ICT in the future. At present there are 60 robotics groups in Armenia, 50 of them in the regions and in Artsakh.

10 of the teams participating in the final contest represent school robotics groups and 8 of them are from regions of Armenia (Lori, Shirak, Syunik, Gegharkunik, Aragatsotn).

"It's evident that school engineering groups and this competition are very popular among the youth and schoolchildren that obliges us to extend not only the geography of robotics groups and to increase the involvement of the young people but also to further develop competitions of this kind and make the tasks more challenging", -said the

executive director of the Union of Information Technology Enterprises Karen Vardanyan.

The "ArmRobotics" project was initiated by the Union of Information Technology Enterprises.

VivaCell-MTS is the general partner of the "Line Following and Object Collecting Robots" competition, and World Vision Armenia is the partner of the competition.

Lukashin community will have a new water supply network

For Lukashin village of Armavir region- the problem of drinking water has existed since the times of the Soviet Union. Some parts of the village, which has 2600 inhabitants, have had no water at all, and the greater part of the village has had a two-hour water supply schedule. Over the years the village's cast iron pipes have eroded, broken and grown out of use. Years ago, the Lukashin community found a temporary solution to regulating the low water pressure, which proved inefficient. In spring 2014, VivaCell-MTS, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Foundation for the Preservation of the Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) signed an agreement aimed at preventing the loss of water, increasing the efficiency of water supply networks and providing basic household conveniences in 4 communities of Armenia, including Lukashin.

The water supply network project started in Lukashin in summer and is currently underway. In addition to the the 4,2 km-long water main, a 12,2 km long internal water supply network will be built in the village . Construction works in this mountainous area demand great patience and efforts. Yet, the cooperating sides and the villagers do not give up. They try to achieve the set goals through the installation of virtually leak-proof polyethylene pipes and water metering infrastructure.

The renovation works are expected to result in improved water supply schedule (from 2 hours per day to 24 hours), increased safety of the drinking water, fewer breakdowns in the network, and water and energy savings. According to the village mayor, almost 70 percent of the project is done.

A water metering system and modern water metering manholes will be installed in the near future, which will contribute to watersavings and improved billing. Other works will also be implemented, thanks to which Lukashin villagers will not have to carry water from the scarce spring of the village anymore.

Alternative Energy in Urtsadzor

The Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC) pre-

sented the results and marked the completion of two of its projects, implemented together with its General Partner VivaCell-MTS within the framework of the joint Alternative Energy Project.

The first project is the installation of 70 LED street lights on one of the main streets of the village (Zoravar Andranik), 1600 meters long. The second project includes the installation of solar thermal systems for two Bed and Breakfasts, as well as the renovation of three Bed and Breakfasts. Both projects began in March 2014 and were implemented in Urtsadzor community in Ararat Region, Armenia.

The presentation took place in Urtsadzor and was attended by VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian, founder of FPWC Ruben Khachatryan, and head of Urtsadzor community Raffik Andreasyan.



Both FPWC and VivaCell-MTS attach great importance to the use of modern technologies in environmental protection initiatives, which in its turn promote nature conservation, energy efficiency and community development. For the Urtsadzor Community, these projects deliver many important benefits. The environmentally friendly LED lights, which save up to 80% energy cost, will light the community streets starting from 10 pm to 1 am in the summer, from 6:30 pm to 12 am in the winter, and at all hours during special holidays. LEDs use light emitting diodes to produce light very efficiently; they are durable, versatile, and last much longer than regular lights.

The Bed and Breakfasts, of which there are currently three in Urtsadzor, are an important part of FPWC's community development initiatives; they present a sustainable source of income for poor families in rural regions. The solar thermal systems installed in these Bed and Breakfasts, are an environmentally healthy and cost-effective approach for heating. The system reduces water heating costs by 100% in the summer and up to 40-50% in the winter. The Urtsadzor Community, which is an important area for nature conservation, will significantly benefit from these innovative environmental technologies.

"VivaCell-MTS greatly appreciates this initiative of FPWC. In addition to offering some innovative solutions to environmental problems, it has another important mission. This program is an excellent model for rural community development, where the villagers act as partners and have their active participation in the realization of the program. We

are immensely pleased to see the enthusiasm and the energy with which the villagers have joined this initiative and want to improve their living conditions, and, what is important, to do it in an environmentally responsible way. I am sure that seeing the result of the work done and the opportunity to live decently and honestly on their own land will make people love their country more and not to think of leaving it", commented VivaCell-MTS General Manager Ralph Yirikian.

New Year discounts for "Alcatel", "Huawei", "MTS", "Prestigio" and "Lenovo" smartphones

Till January 15, 2015 a series of models of "Alcatel", "Huawei", "MTS", "Prestigio" or "Lenovo" smartphones will be available at VivaCell-MTS service centers with holiday discounts.

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By the way, when making an international call within "Quartet" tariff plan, now the dialing order is: 00 [country code] [phone number].

(*Except for Alaska and Hawaii).

"Super 0" now also available for "YES" and "Dialect" tariff plans subscribers

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A three month music marathon finalized by a Gala Concert
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On 4 December an important event which seemed a really unprecedented one for the Armenian cultural life took place: for the first time a cultural fete, - the Closing Ceremony and the Gala Concert of the 2nd Aram Khachaturian International Festival was broadcasted live on *euronews.com*.

As the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia (SYOA), the Festival initiator and a co-organizer, AM Artist *Sergey*

mieres of the world-recognized works by various outstanding composers here in Armenia within our Festival", Maestro Sergey Smbatyan emphasized.

As to cooperation with Euronews, the SYOA European colleagues, when have learnt about the initiative of broadcasting by online live streaming the Aram Khachaturian International Festival performed by the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia (with support from the SYOA General Partner, Armenia's leading telecom operator VivaCell-MTS), had noticed the high technical and the artistic level of those concerts and so had decided that the concert of the State Youth Orchestra was the one that should be

essary that more people are informed about the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

The journalists were informed as well that in 2014 the SYOA has had 73 concerts vs 57 in 2013.

Asked how his musicians were able to work so hard within the year passed, - no matter they are young (and so healthy and strong ones), the Orchestra Founding Head said the musicians have been realizing very well their huge responsibility and the honor to play at a Fest named after the Great Aram Khachaturian as well as when paying tribute to outstanding people to who this or that concert was dedicated.



From right to left: Mrs Rita Sargsyan, Mrs Hasmik Poghosyan, Ambassador Armen Smbatyan



Smbatyan mentioned at a news conference held few hours before the Concert, the online live streaming on Euronews witnesses about the international success of the Festival. "Armenia has a rich culture and the Aram Khachaturian International Festival and this concert prove that our message can be delivered to those people who live outside Armenia", stated Maestro Smbatyan.

And... "I am also happy for a novelty of the Festival we've been introducing this year: as you might know, the Fest's each concert was dedicated to this or that outstanding person both Armenian and foreign belonging to various fields, be it art/culture or military/state matters..."

"I am also satisfied for the fact we've carried out performance of the world pre-

broadcasted on their website.

And the reps of Euronews arrived in Armenia to make arrangements for broadcasting online the Gala Concert of the Festival via *euronews.com*

And, naturally, a lot of preparation works have been carried out, as Euronews has its certain criteria and the online live streaming on their website is impossible unless meeting those criteria. Notably, the SYOA was able to organize everything fast. Supposedly, 450-500,000 people were expected to follow online the Concert.

As to the future cooperation between the Youth Orchestra and Euronews, in 2015 several events are planned to be broadcasted as 2015 is a very significant year for us the Armenians; thus, it is nec-

...As to the Concert itself, it was a SUCCESS, no doubt. Rounds of applause turned to a long ovation accompanied by numerous "Bravo!" and "Encore!".

During the evening Aram Khachaturian's Violin Concerto, with the soloist *Mayu Kishima* (violin, Japan), Symphony No. 3 and Ode to Joy for mezzo soprano, harp ensemble, violin ensemble, choir and orchestra, with the soloist *Marina Domashenko* (mezzo-soprano/Russia) were performed.

The National State Academic Choir of Armenia (headed by the People's Artist of the USSR and Armenia Prof. *Hovannes Tchekidjian*) participated in the Concert.

Below The Highlights readers can find essential info on the soloists:

Mayu Kishima - Violin

Mayu Kishima has won many prizes in competitions both in Japan and abroad. In 2000 she caused a stir in the music world by taking top honours at the age of 13 at the 8th Wieniawski International Competition for Young Violinists.

In 2008, Kishima released her solo album Chaconne and followed on her first solo album Rise featuring Sonata No. 1 by *Faure*. She has performed Khachaturian's Violin Concerto in 2011 with the Prague Symphony Orchestra in Prague and in 2012 with the Kansai Philharmonic and the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestras, receiving the acclaim of both the orchestras and audience. She has been taught by *Izumi Hayashi, Kazuyo Togami, Toshiya Eto* and *Dorothy DeLay*.

Marina Domashenko - mezzo soprano

Marina Domashenko has studied at the Kemerovo Institute of Arts and the Urals State Conservatory (class of opera singing). She won First prize at the International *A. Dvorák* Singing Competition (1997) and the First International *G. Masini* Singing Competition (1999). In 2006 she was awarded the Grammy for best opera recording. Since her European debut in 1998, Domashenko has performed in Italy, USA, Japan, France, Austria, England, Germany, and many other countries.

Her discography includes: Prokofiev's Hamlet and Boris Godunov, Tchaikovsky's duets CD; Khachaturian's Centennial Album of the Cantata "Ode to Joy" and *Prokofiev's* "Alexander Nevsky" Cantata.

Marina Domashenko debuted Khachaturian's Ode to Joy 10 years ago at the Carnegie Hall, New York, - during a concert on the Khachaturian's Centennial. She said she was happy to participate in the Project as music by the great composer as well as the young performers have been inspiring her.

And a Japanese gifted violinist Mayu Kishima, "caught" by your author when leaving the Hall, and, first of all, thanked by yours truly for her wonderful play, said she have had Khachaturian's Violin Concerto in her playlist, but she was happy to perform it in the Composer's Homeland.

The Festival Closing Ceremony/Gala Concert held in a jam-packed Aram Khachaturian Grand Hall was attended by the First Lady of Armenia *Rita A. Sargsyan*, Minister of Culture of Armenia *Hasmik Poghosyan*, Adviser to the President of Armenia on the Intl Humanitarian Cooperation Ambassador *Armen Smbatyan*, other dignitaries.

Among the guests of honor was Chief of the Armenian



President's Staff *Vigen Sargsyan* (accompanied by Mrs Sargsyan, *Lusineh*) who was interviewed by a lady anchor exclusively for Euronews.

(To note, Mr Sargsyan was top executive in charge for the following events:

- Chief Coordinator of the festive events dedicated to the 20th anniversary of Armenia's Independence (2011);
- Secretary and Chief Coordinator of the Preparatory State Commission on the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Armenian Book-printing
- Chief Commissioner of Armenia for the organization of Armenia's Year in France (2005-2007)
- Chief Commissioner of Armenia for the organization of Armenia's Year in Russia and Russia's Year in Armenia (2005-2006)).

Below The Highlights readers may find full text of the interview with Mr Sargsyan aired (in English):

-Mr Sargsyan, please tell us: have you been following the activities of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia; so do you have time to attend their concerts?

-Absolutely. Though having not always enough time, but, still, I've been watching the SYOA since its establishment back in 2006, and I should say that we in Armenia are very happy and proud for having such an Orchestra, with so many talented young musicians coming together to perform the Armenian and the international music, by this bringing the great pleasure both to the Armenian and the international audience.

-Mr Sargsyan, this is already the 2nd Aram Khachaturian Intl Festival, so what d'you think: what is its mission and how the Fest could contribute to the cultural life of Armenia and maybe the region?

-Well, Armenia, in certain sense, is a land of numerous festivals, - art, music, theatre, other ones that have been attracting both culture lovers and the professionals, and we are also happy that our culture encourages tourism to Armenia as well; we see increasing number of tourists coming to Armenia as one of the cultural capitals on the world map.

This festival and other similar ones are aimed at promoting the national art/culture, presenting foreign art to the Armenian audience as well as familiarizing foreigners with our culture, by this positioning Armenia as a cultural destination on the map,

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**Vigen A. Sargsyan, Chief of the Presidential Staff:
"Festivals Like the Aram Khachaturian Fest Contribute Significantly
in Making Armenia More Recognizable at the World Map"
A three month music marathon finalized by a Gala Concert
broadcasted live on Euronews.com**

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and, in this sense, we've registered great success. So here we appreciate huge job done by the SYOA led by young and very talented Sergey Smbatyan.

-And would you please to tell us what is your favorite piece by Aram Khachaturian, who is a symbol of the Armenian music, culture and the Armenian people in general?

-Well, I love many works by Aram Khachaturian, and the Violin Concerto we all have enjoyed tonight is among them...

...As you've rightly mentioned, in addition to be one of the most internationally renowned composers, Aram Khachaturian has been a visit card for the Armenian people, and many and many



knew him/his works before even knowing where Armenia was on the map, so before linking him to our country...Khachaturian is an amazing symbol of that how our nation was mobilized in the short time in the most dramatic period of its history, - just after the Genocide committed in the Ottoman Empire in the beginning of the 20th centu-

ry, as only in a few years after the Genocide he started his creative work that gained the world recognition very soon.

Obviously, Aram Khachaturian and other sons and daughters of the Armenian people like him have been very important mobilizing power behind development and advancement of our nation, which (the nation) was able not only to survive the Genocide, but to meet period of a renaissance, to restore its statehood after missing it for centuries, to overcome WWI and WWII, and, finally, to regain the statehood after the Soviet Union collapse, to have Independent Republic of Armenia. So mostly thanks to Aram Khachaturian and people like him this greatest dream of the Armenian people has come true.

...Well, after these words by a prominent statesman of the Third Republic of Armenia it seems to us a very proper thing to remind that the Closing Ceremony and the Gala Concert of the 2nd Aram Khachaturian International Festival was dedicated to the 135th anniversary of the Founder of the First Republic of Armenia (1918-20) *Aram Manukian*, a XX century outstanding national/political figure for us the Armenians.

Photos by SYOA/Luci Sargsyan



Arthur Abraham Named Germany's Boxer of the Year

The Armenian boxer Arthur Abraham has been declared Germany's best boxer of the year, reported Armenpress.

The jury of the German BoxSport magazine and the readers decided to give their votes to the Armenian professional boxer, world champion Arthur Abraham. Due to the poles, Arthur Abraham scored 1053 votes, while Vladimir Klitchko and Yoan Pablo Hernández scored 775 and 763 votes respectively. This is already the sixth time that our compatriot wins in this nomination.

Arthur Abraham was born on February 20, 1980, in Yerevan to parents Grigor and Sylvia Abrahamians. His little brother, Alexander, is also a professional boxer. He moved to Germany with his parents and brothers at the age of 15. He became a citizen of Germany in August 2006. Abraham started his professional career on August 16, 2003, being promoted by HyeFighters. Sauerland-promoted Abraham had many impressive early victo-



ries. He defeated Canadian southpaw Ian Gardner (18-1) for the vacant WBA Inter-Continental Middleweight title, Hector Velazco (former WBO Champion) and contender Nader Hamdan (36-1).

Yahoo Travel advises tourists to visit Nagorno Karabakh



Yahoo Travel advises tourists to visit Nagorno Karabakh. The publication notes that "Nagorno-Karabakh was an ethnically Armenian autonomous region of Azerbaijan during the Soviet Union. The citizens of NK voted for independence in 1991 while the Soviet Union was disintegrating. This ushered in a war between Azerbaijan and NK, with support from Armenia. With the defeat of Azerbaijan, a 1994 cease fire led to the creation of this

independent nation. Today, NK is recognized by a trio of unrecognized countries: Abkhazia, South Ossetia, and Transnistria."

Why Go: Nagorno-Karabakh is known for its mountainous beauty and cultural richness. Ancient monasteries and churches are found throughout the country. Karabakhi hospitality is well documented in the region. Don't be surprised to find yourself eating a family meal in a local vil-

lage with numerous oghi (homemade mulberry vodka) toasts. Hike the Janapar Trail, an untouched walk that crosses the country and takes two weeks to traverse. In the ancient Armenian walled-city of Shushi, you can wander the streets and gaze at the majestic Ghazanchetsots Cathedral.

Getting There: NK is only accessible via Armenia, a winding, five-hour drive from Yerevan to Stepanakert, the two capitals. The non-operating airport was recently renovated, but the callous Azerbaijan government has vowed to shoot down any civilian flights entering its "territory."

Risk: Ilham Aliyev, the warmongering Azerbaijan president, has frequently threatened to invade NK. Stay clear of the border between the two countries, where sniping and the occasional kidnapping take place. Thousands of mines were also laid during the conflict from 1991-1994 and some are still present.

Don't Miss: The ancient Gandzasar Monastery (its name means "hilltop treasure"), which sits on a mountain offering panoramic views. Dadivank Complex is hidden in the hills and dates back to the 9th century.

Lithuania and Armenia agree on closer business ties

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view. Neighbouring with the Middle East and countries that are not our traditional markets, Armenia may bring good prospects for Lithuanian businesses," said Dargis.

According to Dargis, the greatest potential in Armenia is for Lithuanian IT and service providers. Representatives of traditional industries - furniture, textile and others - also have opportunities to operate there. Memorandums of co-operation prove this. They were signed between the LKP and ADA, Armenia's Jewellery Free Economic Zone, Lithuania's Kaunas, Kedainiai and Marijampole Free Trade Zones. Kaunas Techopolis science and innovation park and Visoriai technology park will co-operate with Armenia's Enterprise Incubator Foundation. UAB Baltic Optical Disc signed an agreement with Armenia's LLC Arenergo. Lithuania's Chamber of Agriculture signed an memorandum of co-operation with the Armenian Farmer Association.

Next year Armenia will join the Customs Union, an organisation initiated by Russia. From 1 January 2015 it will be known as the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU). Ambassador of Armenia to Lithuania Ara Aivazian said that membership in the union dominated by Russia was a rational choice but it does not mean that Armenia renounces eurointegration or business relations with the European Union.



According to the ambassador, Armenia's foreign policy has been balanced since independence. Armenians regard themselves a European nation. Moreover, Armenia is the starting point of Europe because Armenia is the first Christian state in the world. By entering the EEU Armenia does not abandon co-operation with the EU. On the contrary, Armenia hopes to develop co-operation in every possible area. The ambassador rejoiced that Lithuania has become the first country linking Armenia with the EU.

Recognition of Artsakh's independence the only way to establish long-lasting peace in the region

"The establishment of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has gone through a very difficult and painful path," Speaker of the National Assembly of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic Ashot Ghulyan said at the Capitol Hill celebration of the 23rd anniversary of Artsakh's independence.

"Stepanakert, the capital city of Artsakh and many other settlements, were being heavily shelled and bombarded for months, thousands of people were subjected to violence that escalated into a blatant military aggression by Azerbaijan. However, the people of Artsakh succeeded in protecting their right to freedom and decide own future, acting in line with all the norms and principles of the international law," he added.

"In February, 1988 the people of Artsakh were the first in the Soviet reality to raise the flag of freedom, were the first to struggle for their rights. Until 1991, we were waiting for a peaceful and just solution to the issue. It with regret that I have to note, that the Soviet central government was not receptive towards the legitimate and natural demands of the people of Nagorno Karabakh, and Azerbaijan unleashed a large-scale war in response. And the peaceful population was chosen as the target," Ghulyan said.

"The consequences of the war are well-known: it is the reality we have. For my people the past two decades marked the efforts towards elimination of consequences of the Azerbaijani aggression, restoration of the economy and infrastructure; democratization of the state governance and formation of civil sector, spiritual and cultural revival. Speaking about the elimination of the consequences of war, people of Artsakh always remember the allocations the US Congress authorizing since 1998. The assistance, which is possible due to tireless efforts by our Congressional friends - members of the Armenian Caucus, allows to implement a number of targeted programs giving solutions to pressing issues. The people of Nagorno Karabakh, are deeply grateful to the congressmen and the friendly people of the US," the Speaker noted.

"The people of the Artsakh Republic highly appreciate and are inspired with the

continued political support demonstrated by the legislatures in various states across the USA (namely Rhode-Island, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Maine and California) in the form of resolutions in support for the right to self-determination and democratic independence of our people."

"We would not exaggerate if we say that our country faces unique challenges: despite permanent threats of renewed aggression by Azerbaijan, the existing difficulties caused by blockade, we, however, were steadfast in our political will to reform



the state governing system. The Referendum on Adoption of the NKR Constitution of December 10, 2006, has become the culmination of the road behind. It is yet another manifestation of my people's will to live in freedom and sovereignty, manifestation expressed in constitutional terms that made the independent of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic an irreversible fact," Ashot Ghulyan said.

"In Artsakh, we remain firmly committed to the democratic values. And even in conditions of constant attempts to isolate the NKR from international processes, various international human rights organizations (such as Freedom House) and experts pointed at strengthening of the democratic traditions in our republic. May 2015 we are having the regular parliamentary elections, and we will be happy to receive observers from the United States," he added.

"The people and authorities of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic highly appreciate the mediation efforts of the United States as a Minsk Group co-chair country. We support a fair and peaceful settlement to the conflict, which, unfortunately, is not adequately perceived the opponent. Moreover, year after year we witness a sig-

nificant increase of hatred towards everything Armenian, and bellicose rhetoric which has become a state policy of Azerbaijan," the Speaker said.

"Azeri leadership spares no effort to undermine the negotiation process. Vivid examples were the dangerous escalation of tension and repeated ceasefire violations in July and August this year along the line of contact, as well as the international border. Another example was the downing of an Artsakh Defense Army Air Force helicopter during a training flight near the line of contact several days ago, on November 12, 2014. We strongly believe that the abovementioned developments are conditioned by the upright disregard of Azerbaijan towards the commitments taken when accessing to international structures, in particular, the all-permissiveness of uncontrolled military build up, the widespread violations of human rights throughout own country, and the inadequate reaction of international structures to all those developments, which caused a false sense of impunity in Baku (in Azerbaijan), the Speaker said.

He noted that "in this situation the only way of establishing a longlasting peace and stability in the South Caucasus is the international recognition of Nagorno-Karabakh Republic de facto independence and the provision of international security guarantees."

"In Nagorno-Karabakh Republic we know the price of independence and the price of security and peace for the people that struggled for it. Once Franklin D. Roosevelt reminded the American people that: 'Every period is a dying dream or a dream that is going to be born'. Nowadays in our region the sense of that philosophy is nothing else but a struggle for freedom against tyranny. The liberation of Artsakh from the tyranny of Azerbaijan was a dream that became a reality. Having a free and independent state was a dream that has also become a reality. And the new generation of Artsakh also has its own dreams: that is the vision of becoming a legitimate part of the community of civilized nations where we can freely and fully express our identity within that diversity," the Speaker said.

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Armenian digital project CityBugs wins European Youth Award



The Armenian CityBugs project became one of the winner at the Digital Creativity for Social Good contest held in Austria within the framework of the European Youth Award. Other winners included projects from Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

"CityBugs is a social platform developed to raise socially critical issues, where anyone has a real opportunity to raise and bring attention to daily issues of their communities, to suggest innovative ideas to increase public participation, decision making and participatory problem solving," Arman Atoyán, co-founder of the X-Tech Company, told reporters on December 2.

The CityBugs.am is a platform, where one can make a suggestion and track how the raised issue is solved. Registered users can easily report different social issues persistent in the communities. By simply using a mobile device or PC, users have the ability not only to report a bug but also give suggestions and participate in online discussions.

The easiest way to report a bug or make a suggestion is to use Facebook profile or simply get registered with the system. After creating a bug they are filtered according categories and pinned on the Google dynamic maps. The respective governmental bodies carry further responsibility to eliminate the bugs.

CityBugs.am currently has 5,000 users; 500 issues have been raised up until now, 50% of which has been solved, others are still in process, Armen Atoyán said.

The Digital Creativity for Social Good contest was held in the Austrian city of Graz from November 19 to 21. About 1,000 projects from 49 European countries were presented at the competition.

Arpa International Film Festival announces 2014 Festival winners

The 17th Annual Arpa International Film Festival concluded on November 30 with the annual Awards Ceremony and Closing Night Gala Reception at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood, California, Asbarez reports.

Following the screening of Jack Topalian's comedy sitcom "Newlyweds," Arpa International Film Festival director Michael Ashjian introduced the Festival producer Alex Kalognomos to host the closing night awards ceremony. Asking all the filmmakers to rise and take a bow, Kalognomos added "This year we were proud to host over 50 films from 16 countries. We were so very pleased to have such amazing quality films to screen this year."

Opening night film, "Tevanik" directed by Jivan Avetisyan, was received with great enthusiasm. The following two days, the festival featured spectacular documentaries such as "Music to Madness - The Story of Komitas," (Canada), "You Have His Eyes" (USA), "Armenian Queens: From Goddess to Slave" (Armenia), "Sumbat: The Life and Art," (Iran), "War's Voices" (Russia), and many more.

The Saturday and Sunday Shorts program had variety of fabulous films such as "Najez" (Iran), "Eclipse" (Armenia/Poland), "Born in Adana" (Canada), "As It Used To Be" (France), "No Love Lost" (UK), "Zugzwang" (Spain) and many others.

After the award presentation to filmmakers, AFFMA's founder Sylvia Minassian thanked everyone who made the festival successful this year before honoring the legendary actor Mike Connors with Arpa's Lifetime Achievement Award, for a career spanning over five decades, and the beautiful, versatile, talented actress of TV and the Big Screen Angela Sarafyan with a Rising Star Award.

Sunday's Awards program included prestigious list of presenters; Marc Bienstock, producer; Elham Jazab, comedian; Vahik Pirhamzei, actor/director; Duke Mason, writer/political activist; Anahid Avanesian, actress; Eliz Semerjian, Telemundo; Sebastian Siegel, writer/actor; K-Von, comedian; Garo Mardirossian, esquire; Karina Weeks, actress; Anne Bedian, actress.

Awards mistress was Maria Srdic.

2014 Jury Members

This year's distinguished panel of judges included producer/director, Marc Bienstock; VP of Production at Lotus Entertainment, Angus Sutherland; President of Feature Division at Aspire Entertainment, Campbell McInnes; Original Entertainment's Daljit DJ

Parmar; Emmy Award-winning producer, Stan Brooks; and award-winning filmmaker/actor, Sebastian Siegel.

Winners

Best Feature Film Award: "37: A Final Promise" by Randall Batinkoff (USA).

Best Director Award: "37: A Final Promise" by Randall Batinkoff (USA).

Best Documentary Film Award: "When My Sorrow Died: The Legend of Armen RA and The Theremin" by Robert Nazar Arjoyan (USA).

Best Short Film Award: "Arena" by Martin Rath (Armenia/Poland).

Best Screenplay Award: "Tevanik" by Jivan Avetisyan (Armenia).

Best Music Video Award: "Rich Husband" (Shohare Pooladar) by Shervin Youssefian (USA).

Best Feature Audience Choice Award: "Toastmaster" by Eric Boadella and Martin Yernazian (Spain/USA).

Best Documentary Audience Choice Award: "Hannah: Buddhism's Untold Journey" Marta Gyorgy Kessler and Adam Penn (UK).

Best Short Film Audience Choice Award: "Return of the Tyke" by Garo Berberian (UK).

Founded in 1995, AFFMA (Arpa Foundation for Film, Music and Art) is a non-profit organization, formed for the purpose of promoting the arts and enhancing the cultural environment of our community by supporting artists who bridge the cultural divide, unifying diverse people and cultures through the arts.

Since its inception, AFFMA has supported a spectrum of artists including writers, photographers, filmmakers, dancers, designers, actors and musicians, by staging networking events, concerts, art exhibits, book signings, fashion shows, talent shows, musical performances, lectures, forums, comedy nights, special screenings, private premiers, and most significantly staging its signature event, the Arpa International Film Festival since 1997.

For over 17 years, Arpa international film festival continues to promote independent filmmakers, cultivating cultural understanding and global empathy in the heart of Hollywood. Through the generous support of our donors and sponsors, our yearly film festival event inspires people of all backgrounds and creates opportunities for creative expression. Arpa's dedicated production team is committed to make a difference in fueling the global arena of independent cinema.

The committee has already begun working on the 2015 Arpa International Film festival. Individuals interested in joining the festival committee should contact AFFMA.

Zodiac Weekly Forecast

Aries (Mar. 20--Apr. 19) :

The new Saturn cycle calls upon you to study your beliefs for flaws. If they are sound, then commit yourself to establish practical ways in which to manifest them. The arena may be legal, religious, philosophical or educational. You must apply what you have learned in the secular world. . You must "walk your talk". The world requires that you expand your mental framework to include a larger social structure.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

Saturn in Sagittarius will require you to focus on the consequences, responsibilities and liabilities of sharing resources with others. There may be work related to managing your own finances or those of someone else. This is a good period to tackle internal roadblocks that interfere with your ability to achieve genuine intimacy. Resources may be reduced for a time.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

The new Saturn cycle rivets attention on the quality of your important relationships. It is time to begin realistically considering your responsibilities in this area and clarify your commitment. Existing relationships will be evaluated and new purposes carved. On the other hand, it may be time to release those persons who are wasting your precious time and energy

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

This (2015-2018) will be a period of apprenticeship. Now is the time to perfect your broad index of experience and knowledge, to practice until the accumulated bits of wisdom become second nature and highly efficient. The subsequent cycle (beginning in 2017) will yield the improvement in status resulting from work now. Give special attention to routine health regimens.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21):

This (2015-2018) is the time for intentional application of your creative energy and to take steps toward manifesting your dreams of fulfillment. Something deep inside you, no more than 3 years in your consciousness, wants to be expressed. Don't anticipate grandiose results on this cycle, but there should be reasonably positive responses from the world if you are on the right track.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

In terms of worldly influence, you are at the lowest point in the Saturn cycle. It is time now to lay the foundations for the next 28 years and it begins with inner work. We can produce little in the outer world until we develop a sense of a stable internal sanctuary. Define what you must have to feel solidly secure and initiate the steps that will produce it. Family and property concerns may dominate for a time.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

This is the beginning of a period for you to define and clarify your level of knowledge. You may be called upon to adopt a project requiring close concentration and sharpened communication skills. Learning to speak or write volumes in a few chosen words will become important as this cycle progresses. Work toward efficiency and streamlining all communication methods over these three years.

Scorpio (Oct. 23--Nov. 21) :

The new Saturn cycle asks you to more clearly define your values. You may have fewer resources available now, whether that refers to money, energy or time. Discrimination will be necessary to maximize efficiency. You are likely to voluntarily forego expenditures on immediate pleasures for longer range objectives. People commonly purchase a home or make important investments on this cycle.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 --Dec. 20):

It is time to redefine yourself. The old way was good for a long time but it has outlived its purpose and you must now look at yourself more seriously. What are the potentials not yet developed? What is the best way to contribute your gifts to a greater whole? Focus your attention on personal identity and tighten up all life agendas to match who you wish to become.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) :

This Saturn cycle asks that you be directed inward and you may choose to withdraw from the world (if not physically, then mentally). Attempts to capitalize on the social and political power of the last few years will fail to make you happy. You may be drawn to work with those who are deprived or mistreated. Now is a time for spiritual refurbishing and R&R before the next 28 year cycle begins in 2018.

Aquarius (Jan. 20--Feb. 17) :

Saturn's new cycle calls you to take responsibility for your niche in life and clarify the role you wish to play in society. You have much knowledge coupled with many social and communications skills and talents. It is time to consider extending these gifts beyond the personal and offer them in service to a larger group. You will experience the outcome of many years' work during the next three years.

Pisces (Feb. 18--Mar. 19) :

This is a highly productive period. For those who are happy with life goals of the recent two years, the following two years brings greater responsibility. Long term goals and desire for achievement in your outer life may press you to temporarily sacrifice personal life and leisure. It is likely you are either adding responsibilities or departing an old lifestyle to begin a fresh adventure.

Armenians invent a devise to print photos from Instagram

Russia-based Armenians Tos Movsisyan and Artem Germeryan have invented a device that prints photos from Instagram, which has no analogue in the world, Russian Vedomosti reports.

Instagram is the most positive social network. Photos on Instagram always express emotions. That's why Tos Movsisyan from Moscow and Artem Germeryan, a resident of Saint Petersburg, decided to materialize them.



They created the Boft devise, which prints square photos immediately from the user's profile, and the profile opens on a large touch screen. The printing of two photos costs 50 rubles. Four and 20 photos will cost 100 and 500 rubles respectively.

The two met at the Lappeenranta University of Technology, where the students were sent to study by their universities. "Where else could two Russian-speaking Armenians meet, if not in Finland?" Movsisyan jokes.

Movsisyan and Germeryan invested \$200 000 in the business. They spent over a year to develop the software and the devise itself and to find a company that would agree to produce the necessary equipment.

There are currently 10 Boft devises installed in Moscow trade center, and another three in Saint Petersburg. The entrepreneurs intend to install 150 devises all over Russia in 2015 and hope to reach the US market.

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