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ԿՐԿՆԱԿԻ ՏՕՆ ԼՆՍ ԱՆՁԵԼԸՍԻ ՀԱՅՈՒԹԵԱՆ ՀԱՄԱՐ

Սեպտեմբեր 21, 1991-ին Հայաստանի ժողովուրդը հանրաքուելով եկաւ հաստատելու անկախացութեան իր գօտումը: Տօնական ու խանդավառ մթնոլորտի մէջ իր «այլ»-ն ըսելով ան նոր էջ նը բացաւ մեր Վերիվայրումներով լեցուն դարերու պատմութեան մէջ:

Անցնող մօտ երեք տասնամեկներու ընթացքին Հայոց անկախացութիւնը իր կայացման ճամբուն վրայ ունեցաւ յաջողութիւններ ու բազում ձախողութիւններ: Սեծագոյն նուածումը հանդիսացաւ Հայոց Ազգային Բանակի կազմութիւնը եւ մեր պատմական հողերու մէկ մասի ազատագրումը, որու շնորհիւ ունեցանք Արցախի անկախ մեր երկրորդ հանրապետութիւնը, ուր այսօր գէնքը ձեռին կ'ապրի ու կը ստեղծագործ մեր ժողովուրդի մէկ հատուածը:

Ժողովրդավարութեան գծով իր առաջին յուսադրող քայլերն ետք, մեր երկիրը ինկաւ կեղծուած ընտրութիւններու եւ քաղաքական սպանութիւններու ծիրաններուն մէջ: Սեփականաշնորհման սխալ կիրառումը պատճառ դարձաւ ժողովուրդի մէծ մասի աղքատացման ու միւս կողմէ ընտրեալ փոքրաթիւ խաւի մը կողմէ երկրի ամբողջ հարստութեան տիրացման: Համատարած դարձաւ տնտեսական անհաւասարութիւնն ու անգործութիւնը, իսկ արտագաղթը վերածուեցաւ ազգային աղէտի:

Այս բոլորով հանդերձ մեր ժողովուրդի ստուար մասը կառչած մնաց իր հողին ու հայրենիքին: Չկորսնցնելով հաւատքը անկախութեան վեհ գաղափարին հանդէա, մղեց երկարամեայ պայքար, որ արդիւնաւորուեցաւ 2018 բռնականի Ապրիլ-Մայիսին, երբ Հայաստանի հպարտ քաղաքացին կերտեց մէկ նոր սխրագործութիւն ու ժողովրդային, խաղաղ յեղափոխութեամբ վերատիրացաւ իր երկրին՝ տապալելով նախկին փոխած համակարգը:

Վերջին երկու տարիներուն անկախութեան տօները վերարժեւորուեցան, ստացան նոր երանգ ու դարձան աւելի ինաստալից: Այսօր կը տօնախմբենք Հայաստանի անկախութեան 28րդ տարեդարձը եւ կը վերյիշենք մեր անցած ուղին՝ իր լաւ ու վատ կողմէրով, յուսալով որ յուսախարութիւնները այլեւս մնացած են մեր ետին ու Հայրենիքը բռնած է յարածուն վերելքի, զարգացման ու բարգաւաճման ճանապարհը:

Լու Անձելոսահայութեան համար այս տարի անկախութեան տարեդարձը վերածուած է կրկնակի տօնախմբութեան: Սփիւրքի ամենէն հայահոծ համայնքին իր առաջին այցելութիւնը կու տայ թաւշեայ յեղափոխութեան առաջնորդ՝ Վարչապետ Նիկոլ Փաշինեանը, որու ներկայութիւնը կը զգենու պատմական բնոյք իր բովանդակութեամբ ու բերելիք պատգամով: Վերջին տասնամեակներուն Հայաստանն ու սփիւրքը երեք իրար այսքան մօտ չեն եղած՝ քան այսօր: Անցեալի յուսախարութիւնները փոխարինուած են լաւատեսութեամբ: Անձնուրեք կը տիրէ խանդավառութիւն ու Հայրենիքի հետ անմիջականորէն շփուելու, հաղորդակցելու ու անոր տնտեսական վերելքին բաժին բերելու պատրաստակամութիւն:

Յեղափոխութեան յաղքանակէն աստիճան Հայրենիքէն ներս տեղի ունեցող դրական փոփոխութիւնները ակներեւ են բոլոր բնագաւառներէն ներս՝ ընկերային, տնտեսական, արտաքին քաղաքական, բանակի հզօրացման, մաքուր կառավարման, մենաշնորհներու վերացման, փտախտի, կաշառակերութեան ու մսխումներու վերացման ու նաեւ արտագաղթի դանդաղեցման ծիրէն ներս: Այս բոլորը իրագործուեցան խիստ կարծ ժամանակուայ ընթացքին եւ ի հեծուկս բոլոր նորայլ կանխատեսումներուն:

Վարչապետ Փաշինեանի երկար սպասուած այցելութիւնը մեր համայնքին պիտի զայ առաւել խթանելու կապը Հայրենիքի հետ ու պիտի մօտեցնէ մեզ զիրար: Վարչապետի վարկանիշը բարձր է ոչ միայն Հայաստանի ժողովուրդի մօտ, այլ նաեւ սփիւրքի տարածքին ու յատկապետ Լու Անձելըսի մէջ:

Կիրակի, Սեպտեմբեր 22-ին, տասնեակ հազար հայորդիներ, իրենց կողքին ունենալով պետական բարձրաստիճան պաշտօնեաներ, պիտի հաւաքուին իրեշտակներու քաղաքի գլխաւոր հրապարակին վրայ, միասաբար տօնելու համար Հայաստանի անկախութեան 28-րդ տարեդարձը ու ողջունելու վարչապետ Նիկոլ Փաշինեանի պատմական այցելութիւնը:

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Armenian Security Chief Sacked

YEREVAN (RFE/RL) — Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said on Monday that he has dismissed Artur Vanetsian, the head of Armenia's most powerful security agency.

Pashinyan said the decision was made by "mutual consent" and "as a result of several discussions" held with Vanetsian. "We discussed several scenarios for Mr. Vanetsian's further activities," he said, adding that Vanetsian will continue to head the Football Federation of Armenia.

Pashinyan declined to give any reasons for the move, citing national security considerations. Nor did Pashinyan say who will replace Vanetsian as director of the National Security Service (NSS).

"There are different candidates [for the post] and I will consider them and make a decision," he told a news conference held in Vanadzor.

Vanetsian indicated, meanwhile, that he himself decided to resign because of disagreements with Pashinyan.

"State-building has its logic: spontaneity of actions and decisions and a work style of not differentiating between primary and secondary and transient and lasting things is not the path leading to the realization of goals," he said in a written statement issued during Pashinyan's news conference. "It has nothing in common with the officer's honor: the officer's epaulettes are incompatible with such a course of events."

"Let my resignation be a sobering 'Stop' step," Vanetsian added without elaborating.



Pashinyan declined to respond to the veiled criticism when journalists told him about it. He said he needs to read the statement first.

The prime minister's spokesman, Vladimir Karapetyan hit out at Vanetsian later in the day. "It has to be clarified who wrote the text attributed to Artur Vanetsian," he told the Armenpress news agency. "We hope that its authors are not the PR offices of corrupt persons who have 'mistakenly' avoided prosecution."

"We are calling on General Vanetsian not to lose the officer's dignity cited by him," said Karapetyan.

Pashinyan appointed Vanetsian as NSS director two days after becoming prime minister in May 2018. The 39-year-old career officer of the former Armenian branch of the Soviet KGB has since been one of the most influential members of his entourage, overseeing a number of high-profile corruption investigations.

California State Senate Passes Turkish Divestment Bill

SACRAMENTO — The California State Senate passed the Turkish Divestment Bill, AB 1320, on September 11, with 33 out of 40 State Senators voting in favor and the remaining 7 abstaining.

California has a long history of divesting from countries that violate human rights, South Africa (apartheid policy), Sudan (Darfur genocide), and Iran (international terrorism, human rights violations). A divestment from Turkish bonds over Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide, the continued funding of a campaign of genocide denial, and the recent erosion of democratic principles would send a clear message internationally that California, the fifth largest economy in the world, demands justice for 1.5 million Armenians killed.

Formally known as the "Public employee retirement systems: prohibited investments: Turkey" bill, this legislation was introduced and principally authored by California State Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian (D-46). The bill would prohibit California's

public employment retirement agencies – CalPERS and CalSTRS – from making new investments or renewing existing investments in Turkish government-issued and controlled debt securities and bonds, pending U.S. government sanctions on Turkey for the latter's state-sponsored denial of the Armenian Genocide.

In addition to Assemblymember Nazarian, AB 1320 was co-introduced by State Assemblymembers Laura Friedman (D-43) and Jesse Gabriel (D-45), principally co-authored by State Senator Anthony Portantino (D-25), and co-authored by State Senator Scott Wilk (R-21) and State Assemblymembers Phillip Chen (R-55), Luz Rivas (D-39), and Chris Holden (D-41).

Prior to this vote, AB 1320 was approved on August 30 by the CA State Senate Appropriations Committee, on July 2 by the CA State Senate Judiciary Committee, and on June 26 by the CA State Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement (LPER) Committee.

Robert Kocharyan to Remain in Custody



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A district court in Yerevan rejected on Tuesday former President Robert Kocharyan's latest demand for his release from prison which followed a Constitutional Court ruling on coup charges brought against him.

The Constitutional Court ruled on September 4 that an article of the Armenian Code of Procedural Justice used against Kocharyan is unconstitutional because it does not take account of current and former senior Armenian officials' legal immunity from prosecution.

Kocharyan's lawyers seized upon that ruling to demand that their client is set free and cleared of the charges stemming from the 2008 post-election violence in Yerevan. A district court judge, Anna Danibekian, received a relevant petition from them when she resumed on September 12 Kocharyan's trial suspended almost four months ago.

Danibekian announced her decision to reject the petition at the start of the latest court hearing in the case. She did not immediately publicize the full text of the decision presumably containing her interpretation of the Constitutional Court ruling.

Kocharyan accused Danibekian of ignoring the ruling when he reacted to her decision in the courtroom. His lawyers charged that the decision is the result of what they described as strong pressure exerted on the judge by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and his political allies.

Pashinyan on Monday described the Constitutional Court ruling as "illegal," citing dissenting opinions voiced by two members of Armenia's highest tribunal. Also, the parliamentary leaders of his My Step alliance demanded

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Azerbaijani Consul General Attempts to Prevent LA Speech by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Consulate General of the Republic of Azerbaijan has called on the Los Angeles City Council to prevent Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan from speaking at a massive rally in downtown Los Angeles on Sunday, September 22.

In a letter addressed to LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Consul General, Nasimi Aghayev, urged the City "not to allow the misuse of the Grand Park by the Government of Armenia."

Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian condemned this effort by the Azerbaijani Consul General, calling it an exorcised attempt to enlist LA City leaders, including Mayor Garcetti, in this effort.

"(Your) letter urges the elected leaders of Los Angeles to violate the United States Constitution by censoring free expression," wrote Krekorian. "Our country is founded on the idea that the free exchange of ideas makes us stronger and in fact is necessary to make our democratic



government possible."

"Please allow me to be as clear as I can be," proclaimed Krekorian, "Prime Minister Pashinyan absolutely will be my guest in Los Angeles City Hall, he absolutely will address the public in Grand Park, and he absolutely will be welcome to say anything about any topic he chooses to speak about, without limitation."

The rally is scheduled to begin at 2 pm, with the Prime Minister speaking around 4 pm.

Azerbaijan Blacklists French Lawmakers Over Artsakh Visit



YEREVAN—Azerbaijan has said it will blacklist seven French lawmakers, who visited Nagorno Karabakh earlier this week. The Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry has summoned Chargé d’Affaires of France to hand him a note of protest. It said that such “illegal” trips to “occupied territories of Azerbaijan” undermine peace efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group co-chaired by France, Russia and the United States.

The six deputies of the French lower house of parliament and one senator met with Karabakh’s leaders, visited local cultural and educational institutions and laid flowers at a war memorial in Stepanakert during the three-day trip. They also spoke in the Karabakh parliament.

Bako Sahakian, the Karabakh president, reportedly told them on Wednesday that the Armenian-populated region is “interested in further development of cooperation with France.”

The multi-partisan delegation was headed by Guy Teissier, the chairman of the France-Artsakh Circle of Friendship in the French parliament. It also comprised fellow pro-Armenian deputy Valerie Boyer, Mohamed Laqhila, Jean Pierre Cubertafon, Pierre Ouzoulias and two ethnic Armenian lawmakers,

Daniele Cazarian and Guillaume Kasbarian. The latter are affiliated with French President Emmanuel Macron’s La République En Marche party.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan praised the lawmakers when he met with them in Yerevan on Friday evening.

“We highly appreciate your activities which testify to privileged French-Armenian relations,” Pashinyan said. “We are grateful for your support of the rights of the Artsakh (Karabakh) people and for our principled stance, consistency and resolve.”

Boyer and Teissier, who both represent France’s opposition Republicans party, had already been blacklisted by Azerbaijan after travelling to Karabakh in 2011.

Boyer scoffed at the Azerbaijani protest note. “Azerbaijan still practices the policy of threats,” she tweeted earlier on Friday.

The Armenian Foreign Ministry also denounced the Azerbaijani reaction. “Human rights are about human beings and this also applies to the people living in Artsakh,” said the ministry spokeswoman, Anna Naghdalyan. She accused Baku of trying to “dehumanize” the Karabakh Armenians.

Employment Risen 12 Percent in Armenia Since Last Year’s “Velvet Revolution”

YEREVAN — The number of officially employed people in Armenia has risen by 12 percent to over 603,000 since last year’s “Velvet Revolution,” Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said on Friday.

Citing latest data from the State Revenue Committee (SRC), Pashinyan revealed that private entities have reported more than 65,000 new jobs to the tax service from May 2018 through the beginning of this month.

Other Armenian officials acknowledged earlier that most of the new jobs had been created before the revolution and were part of the country’s sizable informal economy. Employers had not registered those workers in order to avoid paying their income and pension taxes.

According to Pashinyan, 80 percent of the newly registered employees are paid between 150,000 drams (\$315) and 2 million drams per month. The SRC has collected more than 6 billion drams (\$12.6 million) in income taxes from them since May 2018, the premier wrote on his Facebook page.

The SRC figures also show that two-thirds of Armenians work in the private sector.

Pashinyan’s government pledged to crack down on widespread tax evasion when it took office in May 2018. The government’s tax revenues rose by over 14 percent, to 1.3 trillion drams (\$2.7 billion), last year and by another 25 percent in the first half of this year.

Armenia’s 2019 state budget calls for almost 651 billion drams in first-half tax revenues. The SRC surpassed that target, collecting over 713 billion drams (\$1.5 billion) in various taxes.

The SRC chief, Davit Ananian, reported in July a 21 percent rise in the monetary value of cash receipts issued by Armenian shops, restaurants and other businesses in January-June 2019. But he did not specify other factors behind the extra revenues.

Pashinyan has regularly urged Armenians to demand receipts when buying goods and services in order to make it harder for businesses to evade taxes.

More Corruption Charges Brought Against Serzh Sarkisian’s Fugitive Brother

YEREVAN—Law-enforcement authorities have brought new and more serious corruption accusations against a brother of former President Serzh Sarkisian who apparently fled Armenia before being first indicted last year, it emerged on Tuesday.

The Investigative Committee said Levon Sarkisian illegally intervened in a \$250 million project to rebuild major Armenian highways in order to enrich himself and two businessmen linked to him. It said he has been charged with bribery and money laundering.

The charges carrying between six and twelve years in prison were leveled as part of the Investigative Committee’s ongoing criminal inquiry into financial abuses allegedly committed during the implementation of the so-called North-South road project.

Last month, the law-enforcement agency filed fraud and embezzlement charges against a top executive of a Spanish company that had been contracted by the former Armenian government in 2012 to upgrade more than 90 kilometers of roads.

The first two reconstructed highways connecting Yerevan to the towns of Ararat and Ashtarak were inaugurated in late 2015. The company, Corsan Corviam Construcción, never rebuilt the remaining 40-kilometer-long road, however.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the Investigative Committee claimed that Corsan’s Armenian subcontractors were chosen not by the Spanish firm but Levon Sarkisian. It said the latter awarded those contracts in return for kickbacks promised by the subcontractors.

The director of one of those firms paid Sarkisian as much as half of its anticipated profits, according to the

statement. The committee did not name names or specify the total amount of cash allegedly paid to Sarkisian.

It said that it has issued international arrest warrants for Sarkisian and the two owners of another Armenian firm who it said colluded with the ex-president’s brother in the “criminal scheme.”

Levon Sarkisian was already charged with “illegal enrichment” after tax inspectors discovered in June 2018 that he and his two children hold almost \$7 million in undeclared deposits in an Armenian bank.

Under Armenian law, such asset declarations are mandatory for high-ranking state officials and their family members. This legal requirement applied to Sarkisian because he worked as ambassador-at-large at the Armenian Foreign Ministry until his elder brother was overthrown in the “Velvet Revolution” of April-May 2018.

Sarkisian is thought to have left Armenia shortly before being indicted. He has made no public statements since then. The head of Armenia’s National Security Service (NSS), Artur Vanetsian, stated earlier this year that he now lives in Lebanon.

Also prosecuted is Serzh Sarkisian’s second, more controversial brother, Aleksandr. He was charged with fraud in February several months after the NSS had his \$30 million bank account frozen as part of a separate criminal inquiry.

Sarkisian, who is better known as “Sashik,” avoided arrest and was even allowed to temporarily leave the country after agreeing to transfer the entire sum to the state budget.

The former president has still not publicly commented on the criminal cases against his brothers.

Robert Kocharian to Remain in Custody

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that the court replace its chairman, Hrayr Tovmasian.

One of Kocharian’s lawyers, Hayk Alumian, said these statements were a “clear message” to Danibekian to the effect that her decision to end the ex-president’s prosecution would also be deemed illegal. Another defense lawyer, Aram Orbelian, claimed that “various people visited” the judge to warn her against ruling in Kocharian’s favor. Orbelian did not elaborate on the claim which sparked vehement objections from trial prosecutors.

The judge presiding over the trial read out her decision as hundreds of vocal supporters and critics of Kocharian again demonstrated outside the court building in Yerevan’s southern Shengavit district. Separated by riot police, they shouted insults at each other and chanted slogans in support and against the man who ruled Armenia from 1998-2008.

A smaller number of rival demonstrators watched the proceedings in the courtroom. Kocharian’s detractors burst into applause when Danibekian refused to free the 65-year-old ex-president.

The defense lawyers went on to petition Danibekian to release Kocharian on bail. They again argued that the ex-president never attempted to hide from justice or obstruct the criminal investigation into the March 2008 bloodshed.

“I’m not kind the kind of person who could flee from anything” Kocharian said, for his part. “If I was a fleeing type Azerbaijani would now be drinking tea in Stepanakert,” he added, reminding the judge of his wartime leadership of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The prosecutors objected to the bail request. One of them spoke of a “very high risk” of Kocharian going into hiding and/or exerting “illegal influence” on the case in the event of his release. Another prosecutor argued that law-enforcement authorities are continuing to investigate the deaths of eight protesters and two police servicemen during the March 1-2, 2008 street clashes in Yerevan.

Kocharian declared a state of emergency and ordered troops into the Armenian capital during the clashes sparked by a disputed presidential election. The prosecution says that this and other orders issued by him to the military were illegal, a claim denied by Kocharian as politically motivated.

Dr. Taner Akçam to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

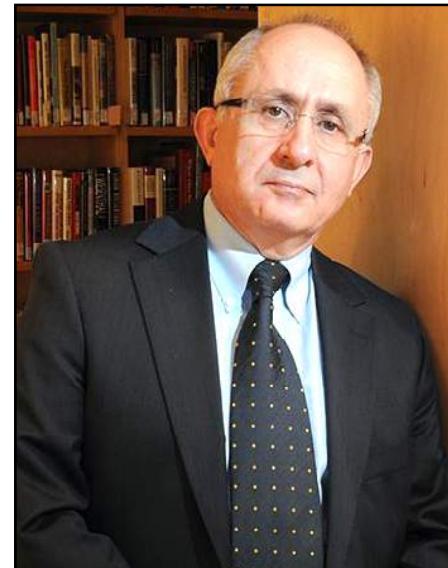
FAIR LAWN, NJ – Honoring the bravery and staunch efforts of historian Dr. Taner Akçam to uncover the truth about the Armenian Genocide throughout his robust career, the Knights & Daughters of Vartan will present him with a Lifetime Achievement Award on Friday, October 25, 2019, at St. Leon Abadjian Hall, under the auspices of His Grace Bishop Daniel Findikyan, Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).

A leading scholar on the Armenian Genocide – and one of the first Turkish intellectuals to acknowledge and openly discuss the Armenian Genocide – Dr. Akçam authored the groundbreaking book *Killing Orders – Talat Pasha's Telegrams and the Armenian Genocide*, verifying archival evidence that the Turkish government continues to deny in relation to the Armenian Genocide. In an interview with The New York Times, where Dr. Akçam was referred to as the “Sherlock Holmes of the Armenian Genocide,” he states his hope that the evidence uncovered in *Killing Orders* would “remove the last brick of the denialist wall.”

“My firm belief as a Turk is that democracy and human rights in Turkey can only be established by facing history and acknowledging historic wrongdoings,” said Dr. Akçam, who received in PhD in 1996 from the University of Hannover with a dissertation titled *Turkish National and the Armenian Genocide: On the Background of the Military Tribunals in Istanbul between 1919 and 1922*.

Dr. Taner Akçam, the Robert Aram and Marianne Kalosdian and Stephen and Marian Mugar Professor of Armenian Genocide Studies at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, is an internationally recognized human rights activist. His outspoken advocacy of democracy and free expression has led to his imprisonment in his quest to seek truth in his native country of Turkey.

“We are indebted to Dr. Akçam for dedicating his career to research-



ing the Armenian Genocide,” said Hirant Gulian, Chairman Emeritus of the Knights of Vartan. “This milestone event is our way of showing our gratitude to his years of service.”

In addition to honoring Dr. Akçam, the program will include special recognition posthumously for Aram Andonian & Rev. Fr. Krikor Guerguerian, who initiated and preserved the Istanbul Military Tribunal Documents of 1919-1921. Dr. Edmund Guerguerian, the nephew of Rev. Fr. Guerguerian, will also be recognized for providing the Guerguerian archives. Dr. Mary Papazian, President of San Jose State University, will serve as the keynote speaker and Professor Vartan Abdo, Founding Director of the Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey, as the Master of Ceremonies. Remarks from prominent scholars and elected officials will occur throughout the program.

The banquet honoring Dr. Akçam will take place on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 6:15 pm at St. Leon Abadjian Hall, located at 12-61 Saddle River, Rd in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. The event is hosted by the Knights & Daughters of Vartan and its Times Square Armenian Genocide Commemoration Committee. Suggested donation is \$125. For reservations contact Hirant Gulian 201-313-1762 (woeskygg@gmail.com) or Christine Akyemenciyan 516-330-0657 (Christine_aky@yahoo.com).

-Taleen Babayan

Dilijan Series' Anniversary Season Opener Highlights Benjamin Britten

The critically acclaimed Dilijan Chamber Music Series announces its 15th Anniversary Season - opening concert on September 29 at Zipper Hall, at 3 PM. Two masterworks of Benjamin Britten, who loved vacationing in Dilijan, Armenia in the 1960s at the invitation of Shostakovich and Rostropovich, book-end the program of the concert: his early Phantasy (1932) for Oboe Quartet, and the very last completed work, the astonishing String Quartet No. 3 (1975). In addition, Haydn's "Dream" String Quartet, Op. 50, No. 5, and Vache Sharafyan's West Coast Premiere of Nighttime Illuminations for Violin and Viola will be performed. The distinguished artists are violinists Varty Manouelian (LA Philharmonic) and Movses Pogossian (Dilijan Artistic Director and UCLA

Professor of Violin), violist Che-Yen Chen (Formosa Quartet and UCLA Professor of Viola), cellist Clive Greensmith (Colburn Professor and former Tokyo Quartet member), and Los Angeles Philharmonic oboist Anne Marie Gabriele, in her Dilijan Series debut.

The 15th Anniversary Season of the Dilijan Series presents exciting mix of old and new, known and unknown. Beloved masterpieces of Western classical music by Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and Haydn will be performed alongside works by Komitas, Arutiunian, Mansurian, Sharafyan, and other Armenian composers. In addition to some of Dilijan favorite returning artists such as singers Tony Arnold and Shoushik Barsoumian, pianist

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Silicon Valley Innovators Return to Armenia



SAN FRANCISCO -- HIVE Ventures, the leading venture fund focused on investing in Armenian entrepreneurs, is hosting its fifth annual HIVE Tech Summit in Yerevan, Armenia on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at The American University of Armenia.

HIVE Ventures provides Armenian startups with investment, mentorship, and access to Silicon Valley resources and network while serving as an important bridge between Armenia and Silicon Valley. In addition, HIVE helps US-based companies open offices in Armenia.

To date, HIVE has invested in over 40 startups across the US and Armenia, including ServiceTitan, Gecko Robotics and ShopMonkey. HIVE has co-invested with leading venture capital funds including Y Combinator, Iconiq Capital, Bessemer Venture Partners, Founders Fund, Intel Capital and Amazon.

The HIVE Tech Summit will include 1:1 meetings with startups and investors, and panels and presentations from some of the most successful Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and

investors. There will also be a pitch competition with the winning startup receiving \$25k investment through HIVE.

The event will feature speakers from many of the top VC funds and technology companies including Kleiner Perkins, Google, NextPlay Capital, Square, Chime, Netflix, Kapor Capital, ServiceTitan, Nova Credit, UpWest Labs, Spark Capital and more.

“When HIVE was founded, there were only a handful of investable startups but now, thanks to capital and access to mentorship, there are thousands,” states Nina Achadjian, Partner with HIVE Ventures. “It’s been inspiring to watch the Armenian entrepreneurial scene grow tremendously over the last few years. And the beauty of it is that we are just beginning!”

HIVE Ventures is based in San Francisco and Yerevan and is backed by the Hirair & Anna Hovnanian Foundation and run by Partner Nina Achadjian.

For more information about the Tech Summit, go to www.hiveventures.co.

Armenian American Museum Announces 2nd Annual Gala on December 8

GLENDALE — The Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California has announced that its highly anticipated 2nd Annual Gala will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California.

Hundreds of supporters, community leaders, and public officials are expected to attend the signature event of the year to celebrate and support the landmark project as it approaches its historic groundbreaking year.

“We are truly excited to announce the 2nd Annual Armenian American Museum Gala as the project approaches its historic groundbreaking year,” stated Executive Chairman Berdj Karapetian. “We look forward to celebrating and supporting the landmark project with our community on December 8th.”

The announcement of the 2nd Annual Gala comes on the heels of the appointment of the museum’s exhibition design firm and project design team. The museum plans to begin construction in 2020.

The City of Glendale has dedicated a premier location for the museum in downtown Central Park as part of the city’s arts and entertain-



ment district.

The Armenian American Museum will be the first world class cultural and educational center of its kind in America. The museum program will feature a permanent Armenian exhibition, temporary multicultural exhibitions, performing arts theater, learning center, demonstration kitchen, and much more.

More than 1,000 attendees gathered for the museum’s Inaugural Gala last year. The Gala honored Glendale City Council for securing the museum’s future site. The Gala also honored California State Senator Anthony J. Portantino, California State Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Kevin de León, California State

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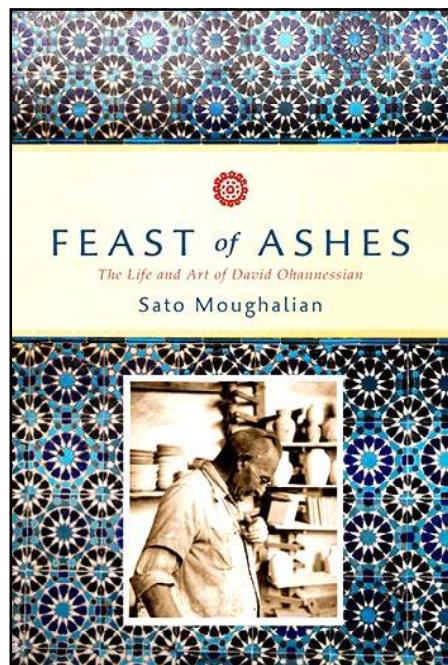
Book Presentation:

“Feast of Ashes: The Life and Art of David Ohannessian” by Sato Moughalian

MISSION HILLS — The Ararat-Eskijian Museum (AEM), National Association for Armenian Studies (NAASR), are pleased to announce an upcoming talk “Feast of Ashes: The Life and Art of David Ohannessian” by Sato Moughalian. Saturday September 21st, 2019, 4PM Ararat-Eskijian Museum/SheenChapel 15105 Mission Hills Rd., Mission Hills Ca 91345.

Feast of Ashes (Stanford Univ. Press, 2019) tells the story of David Ohannessian, the renowned ceramicist who in 1919 founded the art of Armenian pottery in Jerusalem, where his work and that of his followers is now celebrated as a local treasure. Ohannessian’s life encompassed some of the most tumultuous upheavals of the modern Middle East. Born in an isolated Anatolian mountain village, he witnessed the rise of violent nationalism in the waning years of the Ottoman Empire, endured arrest and deportation in the Armenian Genocide, founded a new ceramics tradition in Jerusalem under the British Mandate, and spent his final years, uprooted, in Cairo and Beirut. Ohannessian’s life story is revealed by his granddaughter Sato Moughalian, weaving together family narratives with newly unearthed archival findings. Witnessing her personal quest for the man she never met, we come to understand a universal story of migration, survival, and hope.

Sato Moughalian is an award-winning flutist in New York City and Artistic Director of Perspectives Ensemble, founded in 1993 to explore and contextualize works of composers and visual artists. Since 2007, Ms.



Moughalian has also traveled to Turkey, England, Israel, Palestine, and France to uncover the traces of her grandfather’s life and work, has published articles, and gives talks on the genesis of Jerusalem’s Armenian ceramic art.

As part of the program, Sato Moughalian, flutist, and Anya Garipoli, harpist, will perform three works by Gomidas Vartabed. Ms. Katawara’s appearance has been made possible by the Jarvis and Constance Doctorow Family Foundation, in collaboration with Ensemble.

For more information call the Ararat-Eskijian Museum at 747-500-7584 or e-mail Eskijian@ararat-eskijian-museum.com.

Live Stream through Ararat-Eskijian Museum.com Website or Facebook

Inaugural Women’s Day Retreat at Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church



PASADENA -- “Faith within the Struggle” – a theme with universal appeal, was the topic for Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church’s inaugural women’s day retreat. Fifty women representing various churches within the Armenian community – Evangelical, Brotherhood, Brethren, and Apostolic Churches gathered in Derian Hall on Saturday, September 7, 2019 for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

The retreat featured Prof. Sophia Magallanes, an adjunct professor at

Fuller Theological Seminary, an Old Testament scholar who specializes in the Book of Job. Prof. Magallanes anchored the retreat theme on Job 23:10 – “When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.” Through the presentations and group discussions, Prof. Magallanes navigated the women through challenging material and difficult questions such as: When was a time you felt like God was absent within your struggle? When was a time you felt that God was present, but hands off within your struggle?

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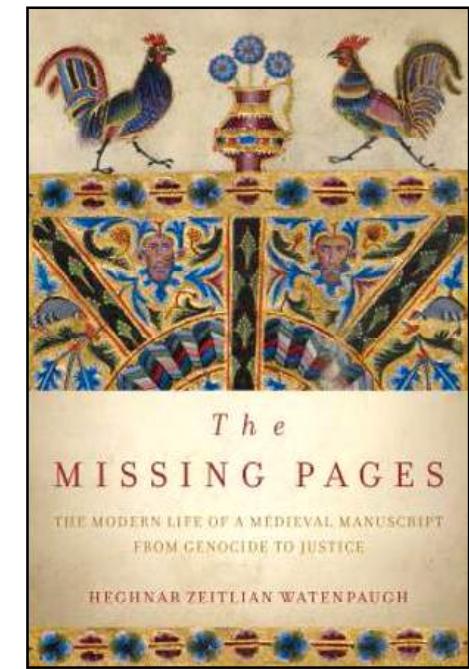
The Modern Life of Medieval Manuscript From Genocide to Justice”

GLENDALE — On Thursday, October 17, at 7 pm, author Heghnar Zeitlian Watenpaugh will present her newly published book Missing Pages: The Modern Life of Medieval Manuscript From Genocide to Justice at the Glendale Central Library Auditorium, 222 East Harvard Street. Admission will be free. Library visitors receive 3 hours free parking across the street at The Market Place parking structure with validation at the service desk. The program is organized by, Glendale Library, Arts & Culture department and will be presented in English.

Heghnar Zeitlian Watenpaugh is Professor of Art History at the University of California, Davis. She is the award-winning author of The Image of an Ottoman City: Architecture in Aleppo (2004). Her writing has also appeared in the Huffington Post and the Los Angeles Times.

Missing Pages: The Modern Life of Medieval Manuscript From Genocide to Justice

In 2010, the world’s wealthiest art institution, the J. Paul Getty Museum, found itself confronted by a century-old genocide. The Armenian Church was suing for the return of eight pages from the Zeytun Gospels, a manuscript illuminated by the greatest medieval Armenian artist, Toros Roslin. Protected for centuries in a remote church, the holy manuscript had followed the waves of displaced



people exterminated during the Armenian genocide. Passed from hand to hand, caught in the confusion and brutality of the First World War, it was cleaved in two. Decades later, the manuscript found its way to the Republic of Armenia, while its missing eight pages came to the Getty. Reconstructing the path of the pages, Watenpaugh uncovers the rich tapestry of an extraordinary artwork and the people touched by it. At once a story of genocide and survival, of unimaginable loss and resilience, The Missing Pages captures the human costs of war and persuasively makes the case for a human right to art.

theme and verse lovingly donated by Esther Assilian.

Rev. Serop Megerditchian, pastor of the Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church bookended the day retreat with words of welcome and closing comments. Rev. Megerditchian and Rev. Hovhaness Melkonian gave the benediction in English and Armenian, respectively.

The committee, spearheaded by Doris Melkonian, consisted of Arous Albarian, Esther Assilian, Mariette Khanjian, Dr. Alina Megerditchian, Arda Melkonian, and Jeanette Melkonian. The day retreat launches the 2019-2020 year for the Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church of Pasadena.

Armenian Cilicia Evangelical Church Pasadena, CA

Armenian American Museum

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Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, and California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon for securing major funding from the State of California. Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger surprised the audience

with a \$1 million check presentation during the event. Fox 11 Morning News Anchor/Reporter Araksya Karapetyan served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Honorees and special guests of the 2nd Annual Gala will be announced soon.

Dilijan Series’ Anniversary Season Opener

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Steven Vanhauwaert, violist Paul Coletti, cellists Antonio Lysy, Clive Greensmith and Peter Stumpf, the Series will be welcoming several musicians in their Dilijan debut: LA Phil

oboist Anne Gabriele, remarkable pianist and Artistic Director of the Yellow Barn Festival Seth Knopp, Canadian violinist/violist Scott St. John, clarinetist Yasmina Spiegelberg (Switzerland), cellist Yoshika Masuda (Japan), among others.

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Հայաստանի անկախացումէն ի վեր, Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան (ԱՀԱՀ) բազմաթիւ հայրենաշէն առաքէլութիւններէն մէկը դպրոցաշինութեան ծրագրի իրականացումն էր Մայր Հայրենիքի մէջ:

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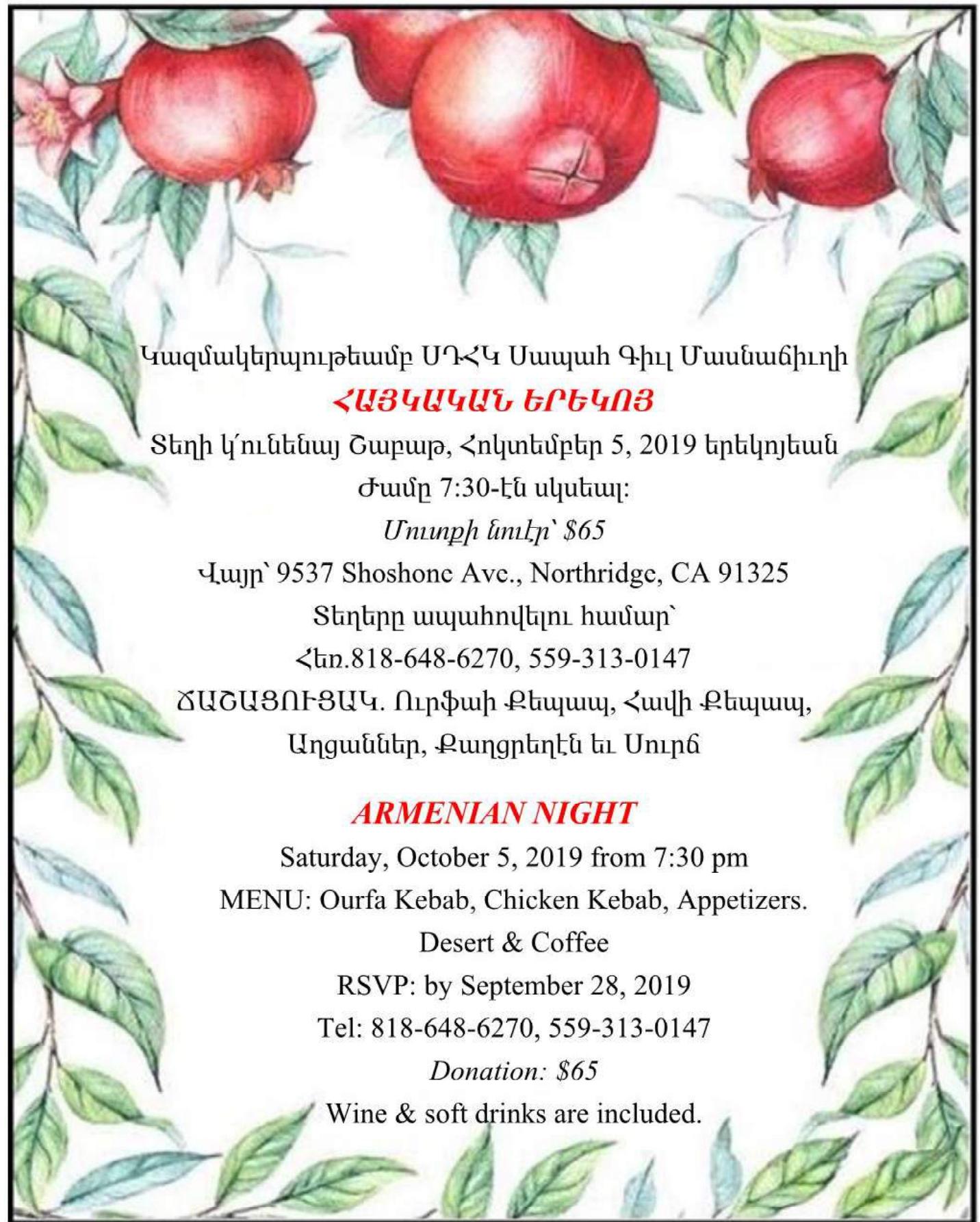
Հայկական եւ ֆրանսական արշաւախումբերը 2008 թուականէն ի վեր էրեւունի ամրոցի տարածքին մէջ համատեղ պեղումներ կ'իրականացնեն շնորհիւ ֆրանսայի Արտաքին գործոց եւ եւրոպական հարցերու նախարարութեան եւ Հայաստանի մէջ ֆրանսայի դեսպանութեան, ինչպէս նաև երեւանի քաղաքապետարանի, էրեւունի թանգարանի եւ Հայաստանի հնագիտութեան եւ ազգագրութեան հիմնարկներու աջակցութեան: Հնագիտական արշաւախումբը կը ղեկավարեն մշակութային ժառանգութեան պահպան Ստեֆան Տեշամը եւ էրեւունի թանգարանի եւ հնագալի տնօրէն Միքայէլ Բաղալեանը:

2019-2022 թուականներուն հետագօտութիւններունոր ծրագիրը կը նախատեսէ շարունակել պեղումները գլխաւոր կառուցի մօտ եւ անոր շրջակացքը: Արդէն իսկ պեղուած են նոր տաճարի հիմքերը, որու հետ միասին տաճարներու թիւը կը հասնի երեքի եւ հնարաւոր կը դարձնէ այն որակել «պաշտամունքային համալիր»:

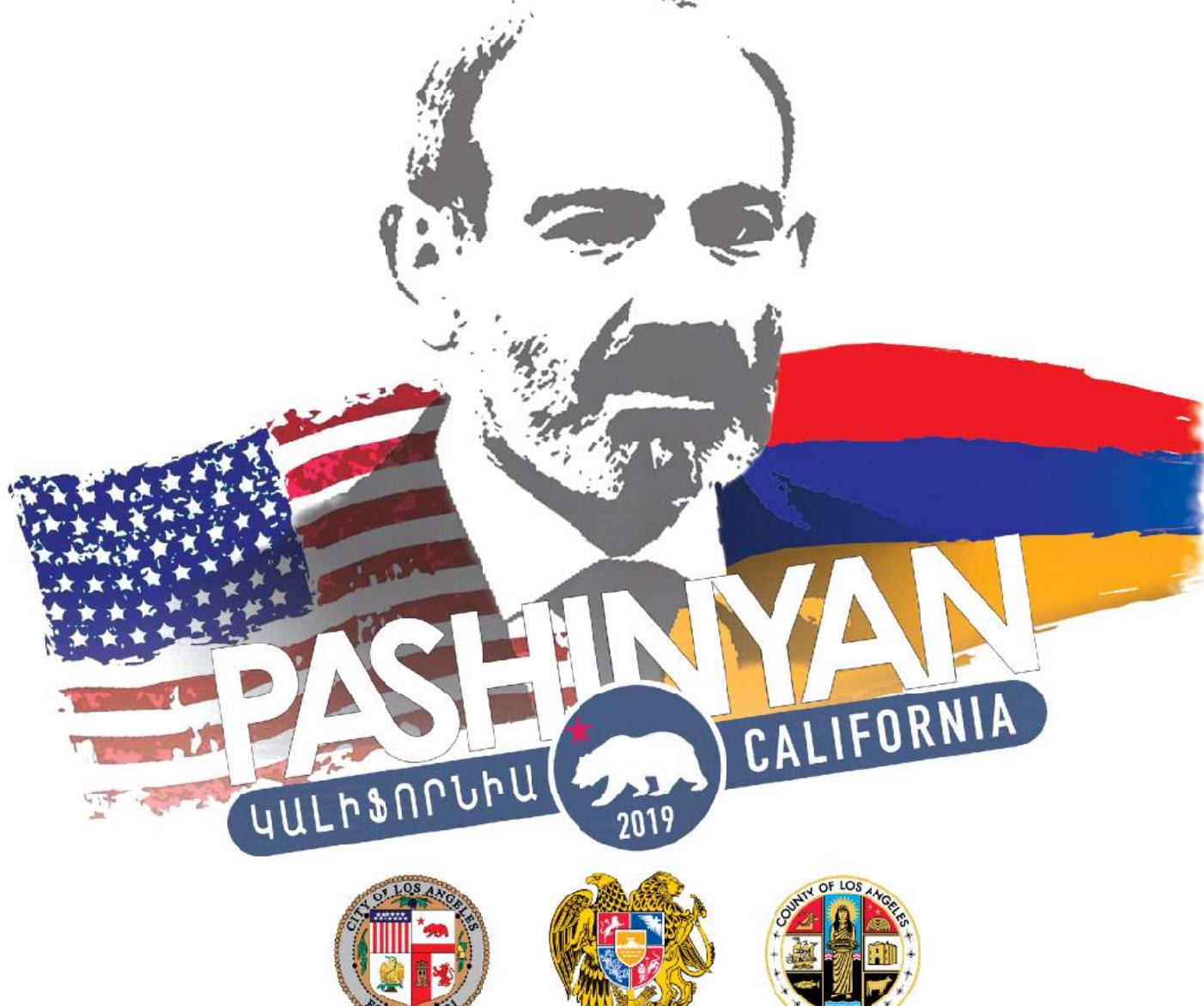
Հետագօտութիւններուն զուգացեալ ծրագիրը կը դիմէ մշակութային

Ժառանգութեան ոլորտին մէջ կիրառուող նոր արհեստագիտական սարքերու օգնութեան: Հայաստանի մէջ ֆրանսայի դեսպանութեան աջակցութեամբ, Aird'Eco Drone մասնագիտացուած ընկերութիւնը 12 եւ 13 Սեպտեմբերին իրականացուցած է LIDAR (Light detection and ranging) տեղանքի գծահանում հնագալի եւ յարակից տարածքում մէջ:

Տրոնով իրականացուող այս թեքնիքը հնարաւորութիւն կու տայսանալ տարածքի բացարձակ ճշգրիտ տեղագրական գծահանումը: Անուհետեւ գծահանման աւելի քան 150 միլիոն կէտերը կը մշակուին՝ թոյլ տալով ստանալ տարածքի 3D թուային մուելը: Լազերային հետագօտութեան աշխատանքները պիտի շարունակուին 2020 թուականին: Այս գործիքները, էրեւունի թանգարանի համագործակցութեամբ, յետագային հնարաւորութիւն պիտի տան այցելուներուն ներկայացնելու հնագալի 3D մուելաւորումը անոր պատմութեան տարբեր փուլերուն եւ վերանայելու այս հիմնայի մշակութային ժառանգութեան արժեւորումը, որ կը նշանաւորէ երեւան քաղաքի ակունքները:



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ԼՈՍ ԱՆՋԵԼԵՍԻ ՔԱՂԱՔԱՊԵՏԱՐԱՆԻՆ ՀԱՐԱԿԻՑ

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