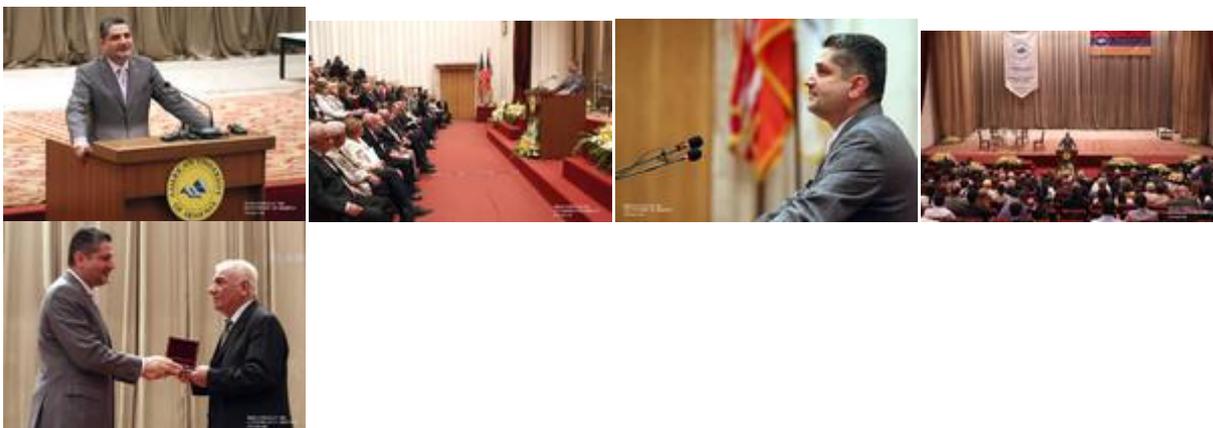


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PM Congratulates AUA 20th Anniversary



Accompanied by Minister of Education and Science Armen Ashotyan, Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan attended in a gala event dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the American University of Armenia (AUA).

Congratulating those present on behalf of the government, Tigran Sargsyan stated in part, **“The fact that our State’s 20th anniversary fits with that of the AUA has the following meaning: knowledge should be the main tool for building stronger nationhood, and I am happy that we have an American university in Armenia which having shared in the challenges faced by our country is now thinking of updating its development programs. The AUA must be expanded with a focus on diversified functions and affordable services. This is what the government expects from the University. Knowledge is the requirement of the modern world since competitive are those nations relying on and producing knowledge. I am confident that the AUA will push ahead with its Armenia mission.”**

Tigran Sargsyan expressed satisfaction at the fact that that the AUA has a US certification which proves that it is abiding by the standards accepted in the United States. Stressing that the AUA provides a competitive edge to our country, the head of government said, **“We should make additional efforts to expand the University’s functionality bearing in mind that we can only win by educating talented young people.”**

Later on Tigran Sargsyan met with the teaching staff and the students of the University. On AUA 20th anniversary and for significant contribution to education and science, AUA Foundation Board of Trustees member, Professor Yuri Sargsyan was presented with the Premier’s commemorative medal.

The AUA, which grants a Master’s degree, was established on September 21, 1991 under a Council of Ministers’ decree. The University was launched through the joint efforts of the

Armenian government, AGBU and the California University with latter providing expert assistance by fielding teachers and drafting cooperation programs.

The University offers the opportunity of getting education and implementing research work in accordance with the US system of higher education. As a higher educational establishment, the AUA implements educational, research programs and services.