

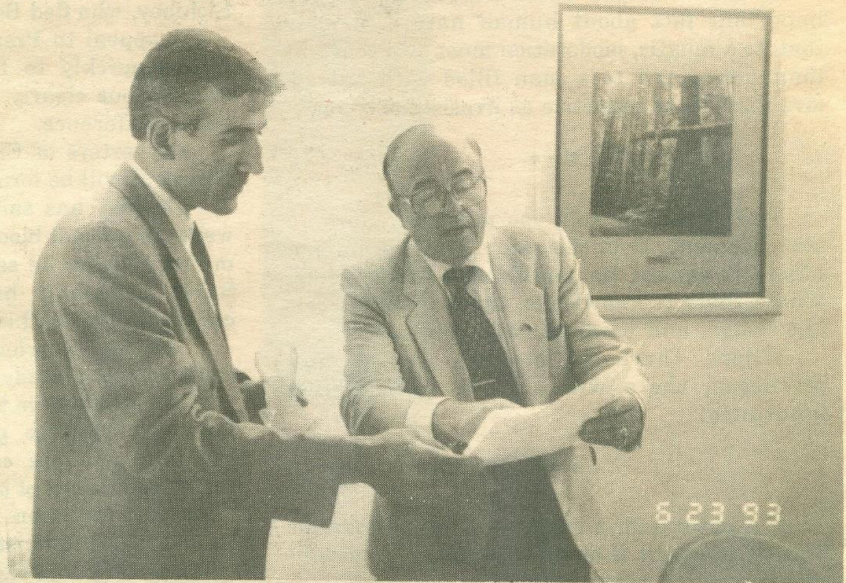
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Mayor of Yerevan, Vahakn Khachatryan, Transfers a 225 Acre Site to the American University of Armenia

The Honorable
Vahakn Khachatryan,
Mayor of the City of
Yerevan and President
of the City Council,
formally presented to
Dr. Mihran Agbabian,
President of the
American University
of Armenia, the official
document of the
decision of the City
Council to transfer to
the university 225 acres
of land on David Beg
Street in the Nork
Region of Yerevan.



The land will be used for the future campus of the university. 125 acres are set aside for construction of the campus facilities, and 100 acres are a wooded area that the university will preserve as a park to protect the environment in that region.

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The presentation ceremony was held on June 23, 1993, at a luncheon that was held at the Faculty Center of the University of Southern California. An Architectural team from Armenia was present at the ceremony. A contract for the Master Plan of the campus has been signed with two Architectural teams. One team in Armenia, consisting of Romeo Chulhakian, Hayk Tigranian, Ashot Mkrtchian, Jim Torosian, Hrachia Poghossian, and Albert Zohrabian, accompanied the Mayor to Los Angeles, in order to visit U.S. campuses and to have consultations with the Campus Architects of the University of California. A contract has also been signed with Architects and Urbanists Michael Zakian and Stephanos Polyzoides, as an American team, to work with the Architects in Armenia. An Advisory group of prominent Armenian-American Architects will provide consulting and advisory guidance. The Master Plan will aim to develop a campus that emphasizes Armenian architectural traditions and heritage and incorporates modern American technology.

Mayor Vahakn Khachatrian was invited to Los Angeles by the American University of Armenia to discuss plans for the development of the future campus of the university (he had also received an invitation from Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian to meet with the community). The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the prospect of an American style campus on the hills of Yerevan looking directly toward Mount Ararat. He said that it is his goal as Mayor to enhance the beauty and the Armenian architectural heritage of Yerevan, and he is pleased to represent the City of Yerevan at this ceremony in order to show the City's and his personal confidence that the American University of Armenia will be a permanent educational landmark in the capital city of the Republic of Armenia.