

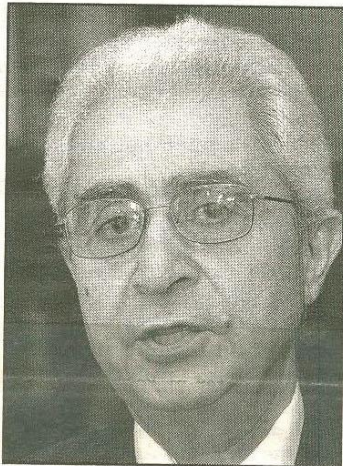
## VivaCell-MTS finances videoconferencing at AUA

Armenia's largest mobile operator VivaCell-MTS provided 60.6 million AMD (approx. \$175,000) to the American University of Armenia for a new videoconferencing room. The official opening ceremonies took place on March 11.

According to Mediamax, the new videoconferencing room offers interactive telecommunication technologies, which will allow both students and professors located in different countries to interact via two way video and audio transmissions. Administrators at the university say that thanks to this new technology students and faculty at the university will benefit from guest lecturers from other universities.

The videoconferencing room is located in the new Paramaz Avedisian Building, Arminfo reported. The first videoconference lecture was led by Dr. **Michael Thompson** from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for students of the College of Health Sciences at AUA.

**Ralph Yirikian**, general manager of VivaCell-MTS said, "Videoconferencing allows students from Armenia and their peers in other countries to explore, communicate, analyze and share information and ideas with one another." And President **Haroutune Armenian** of AUA said, "The VivaCell-MTS commitment to education in Armenia is exemplary and demonstrates its direct continued support of the community."



Dr. Haroutune Armenian.