

## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA AND ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION VISIT THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC

American University of Armenia (AUA) President, Dr. Bruce Boghosian, and Interim Provost, Dr. Armen Der Kiureghian, visited the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic (NKR) on July 11-13, 2011, as part of a delegation arranged by the Armenian General Benevolent Union and led by Mr. Ashot Ghazarian, Director of AGBU Armenian Representation.

On Tuesday, July 12th, Boghosian, Der Kiureghian and Ghazarian visited NKR Prime Minister, Arayik Harutyunyan, and NKR Minister of Education and Science, Vladik Khachatryan. During their visit, among other topics, they discussed the NKR government's desire to provide scholarships to qualified students from NKR who wish to attend AUA. This year, the Ministry of Education and Science



From left: Arayik Harutyunyan, Ashot Ghazarian, Bruce Boghosian, Armen Der Kiureghian

of NKR has allocated five such scholarships. The President of the AUA reaffirmed the University's commitment to give high priority to qualified applicants from the NKR. Discussions were also held on the need to establish English language training courses and preparation courses for standardized tests required by the University.

The AUA President and Interim Provost also visited the office in Stepanakert of the AUA-managed Turpanjian Rural Development Program (TRDP). There they spoke with the Program Leader, Mr. Armen Sardaryan, and the Program Manager, Ms. Nonna Poghosian. They discussed the TRDP in general, the TRDP Young Entrepreneurs Program, and the above-mentioned student scholarships of the NKR Ministry of Education and Science.

## AGBU YEREVAN SCOUT MOVEMENT DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN "HAYORDINER" SCOUT CAMP IN ARTSAKH

"Hayordiner" second pan-national scout camp held by "Haik's Generation" organization took place on August 9-14 in Shoushi. Members of the AGBU Yerevan Scout Movement were also invited to participate in the camp. The delegation of the AGBU Yerevan Scouts comprised of Vice-Chairman of the Scout Council Edward Der Kassbarian, Secretary Satenik Eloyan, Group Leader Ararat Azatian and Patrol Leader Mary Sahakian, arrived at the campsite on August 9th to help build the camp tower and mast, organize scout activities and share their knowledge and skills with "Hayordiner", which, being a newly-established camp, lacks experience and needs support. Scouts from Tehran, Russia and different NGOs also participated in "Hayordiner".



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On August 12th, the scouts went on a sightseeing trip of Stepanakert, Gandzasar, Vank village and other historical monuments and interesting venues.

The traditional fire and closing ceremony took place on August 13th with the participation of the Mayor of Shoushi, a spiritual leader, a representative of the NKR defense ministry, other officials and guests.

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