



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

Office of the President

To the AUA Community

Dear Colleagues and Friends

Happy Tenth Anniversary!

Our Tenth Anniversary gives us the opportunity to look at the wonderful trajectory that this University has traversed, to recognize and thank the founders of the institution and those who contributed and sacrificed for its development, and to project our path to the future.

We have had a number of events that marked our anniversary between Yerevan and the West Coast of the United States. We will have a few more occasions to mark this anniversary between now and October 2002. I would like to express the University's deep appreciation for all those who contributed to the success of the Tenth Anniversary events at all levels.

This past year has also been marked by terrorist violence and tragedy that has affected us all. We hope that we will soon be able to change adversity into an opportunity for positive achievement. That is the big lesson that one learns from the short history of the AUA, where difficult situations have been turned around through sacrifice and hard work into achievement and development.

Of the many contributions to the AUA that one can recognize, probably one of the most important is the one made by the staff. They are the ones who have been at the ramparts of the institution since its inception. They are the ones who have been present at every step of the operation of the AUA. They are our silent heroes. We need to share our thanks and gratitude with them on a daily basis.

Due to the prevailing situation in the United States and the World at large, the University is going through a difficult period. The Board of Trustees thanks every one of you for the sacrifices you are making during this period and that we hope will be short lived. Together we will be able to overcome the current difficulties.

We will soon develop our new strategic plan. The future of the AUA is bright. We have a well established institution that will teach new generations of students for several decades to come and will effectively contribute to the development of Armenia and its region.

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