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## Lecture By Armenian Genocide Museum Director Hayk Demoyan

On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2010, the Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum in Yerevan, Mr. Hayk Demoyan, gave the Armenian Cypriot community a detailed and highly informative lecture on the history and activities of the Genocide Museum and on the possible consequences of the Armenian-Turkish Protocols signed in 2009. The lecture, which also included a slide-show presentation of photographs and newly-acquired material, took place in front of around 120 community members and was organised by the Kalaydjian Foundation under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Varoujan.



In his speech Mr. Demoyan listed the various milestones in the history of the Armenian Genocide Memorial and Museum at "Tsitsernakabert" in Yerevan, and explained that a large-scale expansion of the Museum's facilities is planned in the near future, which will allow for a better and more effective display of recently-acquired material. He also stated that numerous foreign heads of state had visited the Museum in recent years and signed the Visitors Book. Mr. Demoyan also stressed

the importance of the Museum's new "Bedros and Aram Kalaydjian Collection", which comprises rare books, original period postcards and newspapers, maps and other items that relate directly to the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 and which was acquired by the Museum during the last two years. These items were officially put on display in April 2010 and it is the Museum's intention to send them abroad as a temporary exhibition entitled "The Armenian Genocide: Frontpage Coverage".

Mr. Demoyan then expanded his speech to include the subject of the Protocols that were signed by Armenia and Turkey in 2009. He stressed that the Protocols do not call for the creation of a commission tasked with examining whether the Genocide actually took place or not. The Armenian Government's position on this, he said, has always been very clear, namely that any commission formed as a result of the Protocols would deal solely with the consequences of the Genocide and how those consequences can be overcome. Recently published books by Mr. Demoyan were also presented to the Armenian community. The lecture then concluded with a question and answer session and was followed by a cocktail reception.



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# The New Armenian Cultural Centre In Larnaca

The year 2010 saw the creation in Larnaca of a grand new home for Armenian culture, ethnology and art.

From its inception, the lofty and ambitious project received the full support of the Kalaydjian Foundation which, through its sponsorship and guidance throughout the project, played a key role in making the Centre's creation both a reality and a huge success. The project was also supported by substantial donations from several Armenian Cypriot families and was under the overall supervision of the Larnaca Chapter of the AGBU, under the leadership of its Chairman Stephanos Kamakian.



The Centre will present, promote and foster the history and culture of the Armenian nation in general and the Armenian community of Cyprus in particular, and organise and support events such as conferences, workshops, performances, presentations and symposia, with the aim of deepening the understanding and appreciation of the cultural and artistic heritage that bonds all Armenians together.

The Centre was designed by architect Merouzhan Sarkisian of Limassol and boasts a rich library of rare books,

maps and journals, including several 19th century publications. The building's main hall can accommodate up to 80 people and will host a variety of events, including musical performances. The upstairs includes a bedroom with en-suite bathroom designed specifically to accommodate foreign invitees and dignitaries. The roof garden meanwhile can host up to 100 people and will be the venue for outdoor events and gatherings.

The building's construction began in January 2010 and ended in December of the same year. The Centre is of paramount importance not just to the Armenian community of Cyprus but also to the town and people of Larnaca, a fact appreciated by the municipal authorities as well as the central government.

The Armenian Cultural Centre is located at 13 Kilkis Street, opposite the Larnaca Archeological Museum and the ruins of the ancient city of Kition.



## AUA Application Process For Armenian Cypriot Students Now Open

In 2009 the Kalaydjian Foundation announced the start of its new scholarship programme to provide free post-graduate education to gifted Armenian Cypriot students. The primary aim of this programme is to allow talented students, who would otherwise not have the chance to continue their education, the opportunity to receive a Master's degree and therefore enhance significantly their career prospects. To that end, the Kalaydjian Foundation signed a collaboration agreement with the American University of Armenia (AUA) in Yerevan whereby scholarship students would be able to study for a post-graduate degree for free.

The American University of Armenia is a US-accredited educational institution affiliated with the University of California

and is located in Yerevan. AUA's academic programme provides English-language graduate education in Business and Management (MBA), Industrial Engineering, Information and Communication Technologies, Political Science, Health Sciences and Law. The Kalaydjian Foundation currently provides a scholarship to any Armenian Cypriot student whose application is accepted by the AUA. The Foundation's scholarship covers the entire cost of tuition over two years.

The AUA's recruitment for the academic year 2011-2012 ends on the 31st of March 2011. Interested parties should contact the Kalaydjian Foundation at or contact Mr. Hagop Kasparian on 99233453 in order to receive an application form and information relating to the scholarship.

## Acknowledgements

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Donations to the Foundation can be made through its website ([www.kalaydjianfoundation.org](http://www.kalaydjianfoundation.org)) or at its offices in Larnaca and Nicosia.

The Kalaydjian Foundation is registered in the Republic of Cyprus as a philanthropic organisation (Registration No. 41) and as such all donations to it are tax-deductible.



# The Ladies Committee Of The Kalaydjian Rest Home



From its inception in 1988, the Kalaydjian Rest Home for the Elderly was fortunate to enjoy the support and selfless devotion of a group of dedicated women whose tireless work over two decades enabled the Rest Home to receive much-needed funding, assistance and recognition. The 'Ladies Committee' formed by this group of remarkable women held regular meetings and organised countless food bazaars for the Armenian community, all of which were in aid of the Rest Home and its residents. The highlight of their activities was the annual tea party which most years took place at the Cleopatra Hotel in Nicosia in the presence of the Republic's First Lady and other officials. These were always high profile events and played a crucial role in raising awareness of the Kalaydjian Rest Home and of the Kalaydjian Foundation in general within Cypriot society.

The Committee's first Chairwoman

was Mrs. Alice Kutchukian, who was later succeeded by Mrs. Mary Nishanian. Over the years, the Committee's members included Ms. Vartouhi Tavitian, Shakeh Horomian, Takouhi Tastarian, Maro Mouradian, Nouritsa Nadjarian, Maggi Bastermadjian, Annig Tourian, Ashkhen Yeramian, Verkin Nahigian, Sirvart Kouyoumdjian, Beatrice Kasparian and Anahid Terzian.

In addition to the annual tea party and food bazaars, the Ladies Committee also hosted several visits to the Kalaydjian Rest Home by the Republic's First Ladies and other dignitaries, who distributed presents and gifts to the Home's residents during festive periods.

The Kalaydjian Foundation would like to express its profound appreciation and gratitude to all of these extraordinary women for their diligence and dedication to the Kalaydjian Rest Home. Their achievements and tremendous efforts over two decades have improved the quality of life of the Home's residents and have been invaluable in raising the profile and visibility of the Foundation and its work. The Foundation would also like to thank Mrs. Rita Kupelian, Beatrice Tavitian, Anahid Eskidjian, Annie Darakjian and Yeretskin Arousiag Sandruni for their long-standing support to the Kalaydjian Rest Home.



# The Kalaydjian Foundation's "Support For Education" Programme

The Kalaydjian Foundation's "Support for Education" Programme, whose aim is to provide targeted support for education in today's challenging economic environment, continued into its second year in 2010, with a significant number of Armenian Cypriot families receiving financial assistance for their children's secondary education.

The programme was first announced by the Kalaydjian Foundation in early 2009 and involved the provision of grants to all Armenian Cypriot students who are graduates of Narek elementary schools and are currently enrolled in private secondary schools on the island. The assistance was granted to all eligible applicants irrespective of their family's income level.

Following the success of the programme, and given its significance amidst a worsening economic environment in Cyprus, the Kalaydjian Foundation is pleased to announce that next year's annual grant will be increased to €450 and calls on all families which would be interested in receiving this grant to submit an application to Mr. Hagop Kasparian by the 30th of September at the latest. Mr. Kasparian can be contacted on 22 42 93 06.

The Kalaydjian Foundation's "Support for Education" programme is in memory of Bedros and Aram Kalaydjian, the two brothers who founded the Foundation in 1984.

## Presentation On The Activities Of The Armenia Tree Project

The Kalaydjian Foundation has initiated a collaboration with the Armenia Tree Project (ATP) in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of forest conservation and environmental education in the context of Armenia's deforestation of the 1990s and its current push to protect its natural heritage. To that end, the Foundation has invited a representative of the ATP to Cyprus to give a lecture on the history and activities of the ATP and its new programme of environmental education which is currently being incorporated into Armenia's state school system.

The ATP, a non-profit organisation founded in 1994, is based in Watertown, Massachusetts, and Yerevan, Armenia. It conducts vitally important



environmental projects in Armenia's impoverished and deforested zones. With around 4 million trees planted since its inception, it is in the forefront of the fight against desertification in Armenia, a campaign that has resulted in the creation of hundreds of jobs in seasonal tree-regeneration programmes. In addition to community

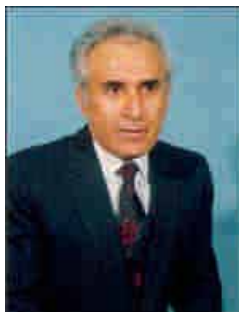
tree planting and rural reforestation, the ATP has also started a project to improve the understanding of the value of a healthy and sustainable environment. It has already designed a special curriculum on the subject which is being introduced by the Armenian Ministry of Education in state schools throughout the country. It is hoped that such environmental education from an Armenian perspective can similarly be included in diasporan Armenian schools as well. More information on the ATP can be found at [www.armeniatree.org](http://www.armeniatree.org).

Details of the exact date and venue of the presentation by the ATP's representative will be announced soon.

## The Founders of the Kalaydjian Foundation



Bedros Kalaydjian  
1934 - 2005



Aram Kalaydjian  
1936 - 1995

