

Importance Attached To Formation Of Single Economic Area At 3rd International Business Forum "Kamurj 2006".

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TSAKHKADZOR, FEBRUARY 20, NOYAN TAPAN. The number of participants of the international business forum "Kamurj" ("Bridge") which was held for the third time in Tsakhkadzor is growing with each passing year, which is indicative of the fact that this event becomes a place for businessmen of various countries to develop their cooperation. Tigran Davtian, RA Deputy Minister of Trade and Economic Cooperation, expressed this opinion on February 18 during his opening address at the 3rd international business forum. In his words, the businessmen - forum participants had already reached some agreements prior to the event opening. Representatives of over 150 leading enterprises of Armenia, representatives of the business circles, chambers of commerce and industry, branch unions of Russia, Iran, Ukraine, Germany, the ambassadors of Bulgaria, Poland, Lebanon and Romania to Armenia are taking part in the forum. The first plenary sitting of the forum was entitled "The Single Economic Area: Intergration Opportunities Provided by Business". The Bulgarian Ambassador to Armenia Stefan Dimitrov expressed a hope that Kamirj, which is a regional event, will be open to all countries. He noted that henceforth Bulgaria will participate in this traditional event. Georgi Muradov, head of the Foreign Economic Activities Department of the Moscow government, read Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov's message. In his words, there is "a stable bridge" between the Russian capital and Armenia. "Armenia is now situated in the most important geopolitical point in the world, and it has the honor to play the role of a bridge between civilizations," he underlined. In the words of Alexander Borisov, director general of the Moscow International Business Association, (chairman - Yuri Luzhkov), the business environment is not very well regulated in the CIS, one of the reasons of which is that the efforts that the state heads put in that direction receive insufficient support from the business circles.

Problems of business integration, transport, investments, high technologies, construction and agricultural food, as well as issues of cooperation between the banking system and business will be discussed at the round tables to be held during the forum. The annual press conference "The Armenian Economy in the Eyes of the Mass Media" will be held. Kamurj 2006 was organized by the Master international integration assistance center with the assistance of the RA Ministry of Trade and Economic Development, the RA Foreign Ministry, the Central Bank of Armenia and the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Armenia.
