

# 3rd Annual “Without-Tie” Meeting-Forum Of ICT Leaders Held In Dilijan

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"The Tax and Customs Legislation and Administration Reforms", "The Global Financial Crisis: The Strategy of Behaviour in the Crisis Situation", "The Principles of Electronic Governance in Armenia" round tables were included in the agenda of the 3rd annual "without-tie" meeting-forum of ICT leaders held in Dilijan on December 6-7.

This time the event was organized by the Union of IT Enterprises of Armenia (UITE). More than 80 representatives of Armenian ICT companies, NGOs, this sector's state governance and regulation bodies, the Central Bank of Armenia (CBA) and commercial banks, the State Revenue Committee adjunct to the RA government, Ericsson company (Sweden), the IT department of Georgian ministry of finance, and USAID Business Environment Reforms Program in Georgia took part in the meeting-forum.

During the round table on the subject "The Tax and Customs Legislation and Administration Reforms", the deputy head of Taxpayer Servicing and Taxation Procedures Department of the State Revenue Committee Armen Tamazian presented the package of amendments and additions to tax legislation to take effect starting from January 1, 2009, while the head of the Committee's Customs Control Department Albert Harutyunian presented the amendments to customs legislation. They gave explanations to the issues raised by businessmen and the proposals made by them. One proposal of the UITE was related to making an amendment to the Law on Value Added Tax because ICT companies cannot donate morally outdated computers in good state without paying a value added tax.

Discussing the issues raised and proposals made at the round table "The Global Financial Crisis: The Strategy of Behaviour in the Crisis Situation", the RA minister of economy Nerses Yeritsian explained that there are no problems with attraction of organizational and financial resources for development of programs on overcoming the challenges of the crisis: the business community just has to develop these programs on confronting the crisis in a rapid and efficient way, and the state will support the programs in some way or other.

During the round table "The Principles of Electronic Governance in Armenia" held on the second day of the meeting-forum, the representatives of Ericsson presented the technological solutions of e-governance systems, while the Georgian guests spoke about the experience gained in e-governance sector and the experience of the e-trade systems in their country. The annual turnover of e-trade makes about 20 million dollars a year in Georgia.

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