
‘Kamurj 2008’ 5th International Economic Forum Opens in Tsakhkadzor

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The 5th international economic forum "Kamurj 2008" ("Bridge 2008") with the participation of about 300 participants from seven countries opened in Tsakhkadzor on February 16.

The plenary sitting of the forum was dedicated to the subject "International Economic Cooperation. Priorities, Trends, Dominating Power". Prior to giving a report on prospects of Armenia's economic development, the RA minister of trade and economic development Nerses Yeritsian proposed that "Kamurj 2009" be dedicated to issues of increasing the competitiveness of our country in the world economy. In his words, the forum is organized at a high level, due to which "Kamurj" is associated with world economic forums held in Davos (Switzerland). Speeches were made by Sergei Petrov, deputy governor of Stara Zagora region (Bulgaria), Yan Visner, chairman of the Union of Czech and Moravian Production Cooperatives (UCMPC), Vladislav Ashmarin, head of the innovation activity department of the Moscow government, Anahit Simonian, head of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) programs in Armenia, and Nikolay Murashov, head of the department of industry (Kaliningrad region) of the RF ministry of economy. The speakers presented the structures headed by them and addressed the opportunities of cooperation with them.

At the conclusion of the plenary sitting, the chairman of the Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen (Employers) of Armenia (UMBA) Arsen Ghazarian handed a gold medal of the union to Norayr Nazinian, director of "Master" international integration assistance center, an organizer of "Kamurj," for the center's contribution to development of economic links between Armenia and foreign countries, implementation of investment programs and assistance to Armenian enterprises and on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of "Master". Besides, the chairmen of UMBA and UCMPC signed an agreement on cooperation between these unions.

The participants of "Kamurj 2008" continued their work at the round tables on the following subjects: "Armenia as a Financial Center", "Small and Medium Business. Prerequisites for Development", "Transport and Logistics. Problems and Prospects". The conference "Investment Attractiveness of the Region. Competitiveness, Diversification and Efficiency" took place. Round tables on the subjects "Information Society, Past and Present. Development Strategy of Information and Communication Technologies" and "Construction Industry. Definition of Processes and Methods, Development Prospects" will be held on the last day of the forum - February 17.

The UMBA and the international integration assistance center "Master" are the organizers of "Kamurj 2008". The event is being held with the assistance of the RA ministry of trade and economic development, the RA foreign ministry, the Central Bank of Armenia and the Armenian Development Agency.
