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# Reforms Of Armenia's Scientific Sector To Facilitate Application Of Results In Economy

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The reforms of Armenia's scientific sector are supposed to facilitate the practical application of results of scientific activities in the country's economy, President of the Armenian National Academy of Sciences (ANAS) Radik Martirosyan stated in his report "Scientific reforms at ANAS".

According to him, the reforms of Armenia's scientific sector got under way as early as 2006 and were better regulated in the latter half of 2007, after the RA Government approved a schedule of measures under the scientific reform programs.

"All our efforts are aimed to establish structures and implement programs which would speed up the development of Armenia's scientific sector and more effective introduction of scientific solutions into economy," he said.

Martirosyan pointed out the necessity for convincing Armenia's industrial sector and businessmen that the results of scientific activities.

"This is possible through practical development of materials and equipment ready for immediate employment in production," Martirosyan said. He added that the development of Armenia's scientific sector must be one of the priorities.

The ANAS President said that a considerable increase in the number of research institute and staff members does not allow the country to carry out scientific activities on as large a scale as it was in the Soviet time.

By January 1, 2007, 3,750 ANAS staff members had been registered in Armenia, with 2,200 of them being research workers, against 7,500 staff members in 1991. In conclusion, Martirosyan pointed out that scientific reforms in Armenia involve a wide range of issues, including the personnel training problem, social problems, creation of necessary conditions for scientific activities and restoration of the material and technical base, involvement of young specialists and democratization of the management system.

On August 30, the RA Government approved a 3-year program of scientific reforms. The program envisages the drafting of bills on scientific reforms, elaboration of principles and standards for scientific centers, a state strategic scientific development program and other measures.

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