

CANADIAN POLITICIAN RECEIVES MKHITAR GOSH MEDAL

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Karygiannis has several times been to Armenia and to Artsakh. He is an outspoken supporter of Artsakh independence.

September 21, 2015

Prime Minister Stephen Harper Marks Armenia's Independence Day

Ottawa, Ontario - Prime Minister Stephen Harper today issued the following statement to mark the Republic of Armenia's Independence Day:

"I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the Armenian community in Canada and around the world celebrating the 24th anniversary of the Republic of Armenia's independence.

"In a referendum held on September 21, 1991, Armenians voted in favour of full independence from the Soviet Union. Canada was among the first Western nations to recognize Armenia as an independent state.

"Since that time, Canada and Armenia have enjoyed strong bilateral relations and strong people-to-people ties, supported by Canada's Armenian community, which has contributed significantly to the economic, cultural and social fabric of our great nation.

"In recognition of this, we were proud to announce last week that a re-elected Conservative government will establish a new Trade and Consular office in Armenia.

"Moreover, this past April, the Honourable Chris Alexander travelled to Yerevan, Armenia to participate in events commemorating the Armenian Genocide Centennial on behalf of our Conservative government, which coincided with our government's initiative to designate April as 'Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month.'

"Once again, I wish all Armenian citizens and people around the world of Armenian heritage a happy Independence Day."

