

PRESIDENT SERZH SARGSYAN'S NEW YEAR ADDRESS

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Today, peace and stability in our region are more steady than one year ago. Components of that stability are numerous and in each of them Armenia has its significant and indispensable part. For us the most important among those components is the maturing Armenian Army which is safeguarding the Motherland day and night, including this festive moment, the Army which was built by our immortal martyrs, who brought our people a victorious peace.

The passing year was also a very important period of engaged discussions on the issues that concern the entire Armenian nation, issues regarding the country and the nation. As a result, the world realized that the Armenian nation is unified around its objectives and is strong with its sons and daughters.

We should also admit that year 2009 was a real trial for our economy. We were not able to avoid the dire repercussions of the global economic and financial crisis, as was not almost any country which

is a part of the world economy. However, we were able to mitigate possible social upshots of the crisis. The state has fulfilled and will fulfill next year as well all its social obligations. Armenia's image as a reliable partner, who pays her dues on time, allowed us to receive loans from different international sources. However, we all understand and we must be the first to build our country, we must solve our own problems. Be assured that 2010 will become a year of overcoming the crisis and a new start for economic advancement.

In 2009, in Armenia marriages and births were on the rise. This is very precious for me and it projects into the future. It testifies to the fact that our young people have trust in our country, that they see theirs and their children's lives here, in Armenia. It speaks about confidence toward future. States and peoples grow stronger by this confidence.

Dear Compatriots,

I join in all good wishes and toasts that are being spoken now and will be spoken in the coming days around our festive tables. Let year 2010 become a year of success for you and your families.

Let our elderly be healthy, happy with the achievements of their children and grandchildren, enjoy love and respect and well-earned rest.

Let children and young people make their parents proud with their successful studies and good behavior and also by their healthy lifestyle.

Let year 2010 be a year of scientific, artistic and work inspiration, a year of prosperity.

Let there be peace and security in Armenia and around us.

Let our military men, who proudly and unshakably guard our borders, serve our Motherland with honor and come home unharmed.

Let year 2010 become a year of triumphant implementation of the All-Armenian projects for our countrymen and our compatriots abroad and a year of significant steps forward toward the implementation of our national agenda.

Happy New Year and Christmas!

