

Greeting from H.E. Dr. Grant R. Pogosyan

I am happy to address your readers, particularly those who are interested in applying for an international boarding school in the UWC system. I am convinced that our school, UWC Dilijan, will soon become an attractive destination for many talented and open-minded students from Japan.



You can find some information about UWC Dilijan on this site and much more on the website, Facebook, and Twitter pages of our school and elsewhere. If you decide to browse the school's pages, I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised to find out that our school has one of the best UWC campuses in the world, superb facilities, world-class teaching staff and plenty of exciting reports and stories from the first cohort of our truly international student body.

Dilijan is a beautiful resort city, somewhat like Karuizawa in Japan, located in a green mountainous area, just an hour north of Yerevan – the 2796 years old capital city of Armenia. It is true that my country, despite the nation's four centuries long history, remains still widely unknown here in Japan. In the meantime, during the last 4 years, since the opening of our embassy in Tokyo, the number of travelers from Japan to Armenia has shown a remarkable growth, reaching 10,000 visitors during last year. The opening of Japan's embassy in Yerevan on January 1, 2015, will certainly inspire even more visits and exchanges between our countries.

Armenia has a lot to offer to any visitor, especially natural beauty, notable safety, ancient landmarks that speak of a rich cultural history and traditions and reflect the lifestyle of the first Christians. Armenia is also renowned for its excellent food that is served with warm hospitality, but also more recent developments in Science and Technology, particularly in the field of IT and High Technologies.

Since gaining a new independence 23 years ago, Armenia has shown undisputed progress and remarkable achievements in its effort to establish a democratic society driven by a free market economy. The interested reader can easily find further facts and figures about Armenia on the web, e.g. on our website – japan.mfa.am.

Allow me to briefly tell my personal story with Japan, which began during my student years in Moscow University, when I read one of the very few books about Japan available at that time to Soviet readers. Soon after reading it, I met my first Japanese

friend at an international student club, with whom my friendship has lasted for almost 40 years now. The more I learned about Japan, the stronger my desire grew to visit the country, to go beyond the cliché images that I had read about, and to practice the Japanese language that I had taught myself. In the summer of 1987, my dream came true. I spent a year in Tokyo as a visiting researcher, and in September 1991, I received a tenured position at the International Christian University as a professor of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Immersing ourselves in other cultures by no means implies distancing ourselves from our own roots. Over the years, through lectures, advising and connecting people from different cultures, I have tried to assist in developing the relations between the two countries so close to me – Armenia and Japan. It may sound peculiar, but thanks to my deep interest in other cultures, and the experiences I have had abroad, I have developed a much deeper and more accurate knowledge of my own culture. As a result, I feel in a perfect position to represent my nation in Japan.

As my personal story illustrates, intimate experiences with other cultures can broaden our understanding about our place in society and in this globalized world. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to consider UWC Dilijan as the destination for your IB diploma studies. Our school will give you a perfect opportunity to live and study in a lovely setting with students of nearly 50 different nationalities, to learn about other cultures, traditions, languages, to globalize your mind and of course to gain a solid knowledge base and an excellent qualification for your future career path.

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1953 年2月1日アルメニア共和国生まれ。

1970 年モスクワ大学数学部入学、同大学で修士号取得後ソ連科学アカデミー・コンピュータセンターにて博士号を取得する。モスクワ大学及びエレヴァン工科大学(アルメニア)の教員職を経て、1987 年8月から1年間国際基督教大学(ICU)の客員教授として初めて日本に滞在する。

1991 年から2012 年3月末まで ICU の専任教授として日本に居住する。同大学で様々な役職をこなす傍ら、日本の経営者向けのグローバル人材育成のプログラムの立ち上げにも取り組む。

過去 22 年の間に米国、カナダ、フランス、ロシア等での客員教授や様々な研究会及び国際シンポジウム等の役員を歴任する。日本の一市民として国際交流協会及び国際化委員会の役職そして日本・アルメニア協会の理事を務める。母国においてはアルメニア外務大臣顧問や新設されたインターナショナル・スクールの理事として活動。日本・アルメニア関係に関する数多くの講演等を行う。

2012 年5月7日にアルメニア共和国大統領命令で氏が駐日アルメニア共和国特命全権大使に任命され、7月13日に天皇陛下に奉呈した。

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