

Garos Armen's Congratulatory Note to Nikol Pashinyan, All Armenians and All Citizens of the World

"I would like to congratulate Mr. Nikol Pashinyan on his election as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia.

This wasn't just an ordinary election; it was a public and national victory. For the first time in its history, the Third Republic of Armenia earned a leader who represents the people, and earned the opportunity to begin carving a truly democratic country.

In his pre-electional speech, Mr. Pashinyan discussed the importance of investments from our diaspora. And he is right. During the years, we have brought tens of millions of dollars to Armenia, with the purpose of implementing large-scale programs and renovating the educational and health infrastructures of our country. And in doing this, I have never pursued any economic interest, have never been involved in any business dealings.

There have been instances when I have been challenged to convince potential donors and stakeholders to take part in our programs, as there had been a lack of trust - due to the perceived and real injustices in Armenia. Now, the worst of those obstacles are gone. And gone are they for good. As a businessman and a philanthropist, I am confident that our work to empower Armenia will now be more fruitful than ever, and that we will be able to benefit - on a larger scale - those who need it most.

I believe in Nikol Pashinyan, and as one representative of the Diaspora, I call on my colleagues and fellow entrepreneurs to come to Armenia and join in helping our homeland truly prosper. My participation in that enterprise will be more encompassing and on a deeper level than ever.

Once again, I congratulate Mr. Nikol Pashinyan and of course, I congratulate our people - especially our outstanding youth - on the occasion of this historic victory, and I express my continuous unconditional support to them.

Our paths will converge and brilliant successes will emerge as we start building the New Armenia for our present and future generations to enjoy."

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