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### **ON THE JUBILEE OF THE SCIENTIST (Dedicated to Academician Yu.M. Suvarian's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

The academician of the National Academy of Sciences, Academician-Secretary of the Department of Armenology and Social Sciences at NAS RA celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Yu. Suvarian has had a prolific path of a scientist marked with various creations of an untiring devotee of science.

Yu. Suvarian was born on May 15, 1943 in Sghnakh village of Askeran region in Nagorno Karabakh. After finishing secondary school at Avetaranots village, the future scientist entered the Faculty of Economics at Yerevan State University, later graduating it with honor. Then he undertook his post-graduate studies, defending his PhD in 1970. In 1983 Yu. Suvarian defended his doctoral dissertation.

Yu. Suvarian's scientific-pedagogical activities go back to the November of 1968, when he undertook the education of specialists in economics. His activities in this sphere continue up until now. The initial stage of his work at YSU started first in the position of an assistant, then a senior lecturer, and later an Associate Professor of the Chair of National Economic Planning and Branch Economies. After the foundation of Yerevan Institute of National Economy (at present Armenian State University of Economics) in 1975, he took the position of Associate Professor at the Institute, and had a significant input in the topical scientific pursuits. He defended his Doctoral dissertation "The Productivity of Labor in the Industry of the USSR: Methodology and Management Issues" leading to expected results in the sphere of the implementation of effective methods to achieve labor

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productivity. In 1984, Yu. Suvarian received the academic title of Professor, widened the scope of his scientific activities at Yerevan Institute of National Economy, thus revealing new qualities not only as a unique researcher but also as a professional in the scientific-organizational sphere. From 1987 to 1994, he occupied the position of Vice-Rector of Scientific Works at Yerevan Institute of National Economy. He was also the President of the Specialized Scientific Council awarding degrees in Economics, and since May 1994 he has headed the Chair of Management at Yerevan State Institute of Economics.

In 2006–2011, Yu. Suvarian took the position of Rector at Yerevan State Institute of Economics. In the years of his leadership the institute, having become a famous center for educating specialists in economics, had a lasting period of relevant reforms leading to novel manifestations in terms of its educational and intellectual pursuits. The recognition of his potential as a scientific and university manager would widen the public's fair appreciation of him as well. In 2006, Yu. Suvarian was elected as a Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia for his outstanding achievements in the discipline of economics, and in 2010 as a Full Member of NAS, RA. Since the July of 2011 he has been the Academician-Secretary of the Department of Armenology and Social Sciences. Being the head of this institution which is of academic significance, setting academic priorities, he has made an inestimable contribution to the strategies of developing Armenian Studies, elaborating the agenda of Armenology, and establishing a foundation aimed at financing Armenian Studies. He also attaches special importance to the scientific publishing sphere. In 2014, Yu. Suvarian was awarded the title of Honored Scientist of the Republic of Armenia.

Yu. Suvarian's professional-practical skills were manifested at the beginning of the 1990s, when he started working as the Prime Minister's adviser. During those difficult times for the country, his efficient ideas and capability of orientating quickly were of paramount importance in terms of identifying and evaluating the underlying core issues between economic and social phenomena.

From 1994, Yu. Suvarian has been the head of the Chair of Management at ASUE for many years. Thanks to his endeavors, the Chair has become a famous scientific-pedagogical center. The fruits of his prolific scientific legacy have been his 300 works, i.e. 50 monographs, textbooks and manuals. The greatest accomplishments of his scientific research work have been the development of new methodology on evaluating and managing the efficiency of production and

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labor productivity, as well as his unique substantiation of the agenda on solving crucial problems of science management along with theoretical approaches to public management. Yu. Suvarian has introduced the two-level local self-government system along with the administrative–regional division of Armenia. His role is essential in the development and characterization of management theories and their current trends in Armenia. His evaluation of the educational and scientific impact on the economic development of the country is also of great significance. Moreover, he is credited with introducing a flexible agenda for the management of the scientific-educational system. Among the above-mentioned works and the ones that follow them we would like to single out the monograph “Economy, Science and Education” (2014), where the author discusses the reforms in the economy and public management and other topical issues in this sphere.

On Yu. Suvarian’s initiative and with his editing, the first Armenian university textbook “Management” was published (re-published in 2016). The book has become one of the vivid pedagogical and theoretical illustrations of recent times. Yu. Suvarian and his associates have made a substantial contribution also through the publication of the works “The Efficient Management of Enterprise” and “The Efficient Management of Service Sector” in which they discuss the use of entrepreneurial computer games in efficient management.

Yu. Suvarian has recently published the book “The Underlying Governmental Issues of the Armenian Statehood” which opens broader horizons for the solutions to topical problems, specifically enriching his theoretical and practical interests in this discipline. In this regard, it should be stated that in Armenian reality Yu. Suvarian has been a pioneer in referring to the essence of public management, its methodology and historical development, where the scientist has come up with unique solutions. The pivotal significance of the afore-mentioned works in the management sphere testifies to the fact that Yu. Suvarian is practically the founder of the contemporary Armenian school of management as a discipline.

The jubilee has made a lasting contribution to educating and training knowledgeable professionals in economics who will be worthy substitutes in academic circles. Under his guidance, many young specialists became Candidates of Economics. Thanks to his worthy instruction many economists aspiring to Doctor’s scientific degree achieved success.

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Yu. Suvarian, with energy only common to him, has supported the scientific-pedagogical activities of Chairs of Management at the Russian-Armenian University and State Management Academy. The honorable scientist's great professional aptitude and his substantial contribution to economics and political science have been rightly appreciated with various medals and decorations among which are: "Anania Shirakatsi", "Vachagan Barepasht", "Davit Anghaght", Nagorno Karabakh's "Maternal Gratitude", a medal "For Services Contributed to the Motherland" of the I Rank, etc. He is a member of the editor's board of such internationally acclaimed journals as "State Management", "Armenia: Finances and Economics", "Review of Armenian Studies" (herewith, he has been one of the founding members of these journals). Yu. Suvarian is also Honorary Professor of the State University of Rostov-on-Don, at the State University of Artsakh, etc. The internationally renowned scientist became a Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences in 2016. Yu. Suvarian also became a Foreign Member of the European Academy of Natural Sciences in 2017.

It is important to mention Yu. Suvarian's initiatives and active participation in establishing the Foundation of Financing Armenian Studies (2012). It is really worth special gratitude. By the decision of the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences and the Board of Trustees the multilingual journal "Review of Armenian Studies and the English electronic journal "Fundamental Armenology" were founded in 2013 and 2015 respectively. They are distributed to various scientific centers and libraries abroad and read in more than 110 countries of the world.

At the zenith of his activities the honorable scientist and citizen continues his unswerving way full of new ideas, wholeheartedly contributing his ample knowledge and experience to the scientific and organizational initiatives.

We congratulate him on his jubilee, wishing him health, endless energy, and unfailing continuation of his biography.

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