



On June 16, the U.S. Ambassador in Armenia Marie L. Yovanovitch addressed AmCham Membership with a special letter. “AmCham exists for the benefit of its members, and during these difficult times its mission remains the same: to promote good business practices while improving Armenia’s overall business environment”, the Ambassador mentioned in particular. The full version of the letter is available on the front page of AmCham’s website.

During the month AmCham threw most of its efforts towards organizing the first time ever Member to Member (M2M) Program meeting. For this purpose AmCham’s staff updated all discounts offered by M2M program AmCham member-participants and involved new ones, increasing the overall number of program participants from 10 to 21. Furthermore, 9 non-member companies were involved in the program, offering discounts on their products and services to AmCham Membership. AmCham designed and printed out new M2M discount cards to enable good functioning of the program. A complete list of discount offers has been published at www.amcham.am and will be updated continuously. The offers within the program are valid for one year.

The M2M program launch was conducted on June 26, in Winter Garden, Golden Tulip Hotel. More than 60 representatives from AmCham member companies attended the meeting. In his opening speech Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Armenia Mr. Joseph Pennington, emphasized the importance of the event, AmCham’s efforts in supporting American businesses in Armenia and fostering better business environment in general.

The M2M participant companies had opportunity to introduce their companies and offer discounts during the meeting. Besides, the companies were represented by their promotional/information materials placed on a separate table. In addition to the M2M program, AmCham officially launched its new website. A detailed presentation was devoted to an introduction of various features and options available at www.amcham.am. The evening was concluded by Friday Night, where AmCham members had opportunity to network in a relaxed atmosphere.

On July 1, 2009 Habitat for Humanity Armenia Foundation and Rossgostrakh-Armenia Insurance CJSC joined AmCham membership.

Habitat for Humanity Armenia Foundation is the national office of Habitat for Humanity International. It is committed to providing housing solutions for families in need of a simple, decent place to live.

Rossgostrakh-Armenia Insurance CJSC represents the RGS Group of Companies in Armenia. The RGS Group of Companies is one of the fastest-growing corporations in Russia. Since 2004, it holds the number one position among the insurers.

On June 30, UN Global Compact (GC) created its first network in Armenia. AmCham was elected as non-business representative in Global Compact steering committee with a majority of votes.

The following member companies/organizations were elected in the Steering Committee:

1. VivaCell-MTS
2. Ashtarak-kat
3. Coca-Cola
4. Grant Thornton Amyot
5. Cascade Capital Holdings
6. American Chamber of Commerce in Armenia
7. Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Armenia

The General Manager of K-Telecom VivaCell-MTS company Mr. Ralph Yirikian was elected (with unanimous vote) as the Chairman of the Steering Committee/ Official representative of the UNGC Network in Armenia.