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Armenia's National Soccer Team to Visit Glendale Homenetmen Ararat Chapter

GLENDALE, California – Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter is honoring and hosting Armenia's National Soccer Team on Thursday, January 11, 2007 at the Glendale Homenetmen Ararat chapter banquet hall for a celebratory dinner starting at 8:00 p.m.

Armenia's National Soccer team is visiting the United States for two soccer competitions; the first friendly competition is against Panama and will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at East LA College at 3:00 p.m.

The Armenian National Soccer team is one of 50 teams participating in the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) EURO 2008 Championships. Their entire team will be honored with a welcome plaque at the commemorative dinner. Attending the dinner will be representatives from the Consulate General for the Republic of Armenia, and Homenetmen's Western Regional Executive Board. The dinner is open to invited guests and media.

"We are honored to host Armenia's National Soccer Team while they are competing in the UEFA EURO Championships. Our members are excited to meet them, and we appreciate the time they have taken out of their busy schedules to meet with our aspiring soccer players and organization members," stated Executive Director Armond Gorgorian.

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The Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts, referred to as Homenetmen, is a non-profit organization founded in 1918. As a strong believer in the strong mind in a strong body concept, Homenetmen provides the Armenian American youth with moral, physical and social education. **The Glendale Ararat Chapter** is the largest chapter in the United States, with nearly 2,300 members. The most important part of our organization's function is provision of healthy and clean programs for teenagers and young adults through organized and supervised after school and weekend activities in a family oriented environment. They are taught volunteerism, community and cultural values, citizenship, teamwork, and are kept away from the strong negative influences facing our youth including drugs, gangs, and crime.