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“The Issues of the Anti-Corruption Education in Armenia” Anti-Corruption Event

An Anti-Corruption event on the topic of “The Issues of the Anti-Corruption Education in Armenia” was held in Ararat on 03 July 2015, with the participation of the CSOs and Mass Media of Ararat Region.

The event was organized in the framework of the “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption Promotion” project co-funded by the EU and the OSCE Office in Yerevan.

The AYLA Executive Director/Project Grants Coordinator Mr. Artak Saribekyan opened the seminar with a welcoming speech.

According to Mr. Marat Atovmjan, the local expert of the project, the anti-corruption education has an essential role and importance for the state. “All states which have achieved considerable success in ensuring integrity and anti-corruption fight had applied qualified anti-corruption education model,”-he said.

Mr. Carl Ulbricht, the International Expert of “Multi-Faceted Anti-Corruption promotion” project said that it is necessary understand what methodology we apply to make the anti-corruption fight in our country effective. Carl Ulbricht introduced the methodology and the international practice. He began from Singapore, noting that the country has an independent anti-corruption body, which conducts seminars and workshops, and has projects with schools. Anti-Corruption videos and other materials are prepared in Singapore as well.

The presentations were followed by a discussion by the participants. They were in agreement: there is a lack of anti-corruption education in Armenia, it is necessary to cope up with that challenge and prepare young experts with a new mentality.

The project aims to increase the role of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in promoting anti-corruption reforms and their implementation. In the framework of the project the capacity of CSOs and the media to engage in monitoring and watchdog activities will be built. Anti-corruption training workshops will be organized throughout Armenia with the purpose of enabling CSOs and media organisations to better comprehend the issues related to anti-corruption and freedom of information. These activities aim at deepening the existing opportunities for carrying out anti-corruption activities. Small grants will be given for raising the effectiveness of public monitoring and implementation of appropriate monitoring, watchdog and investigative activities. A sustainable dialogue between CSOs and the Government will be developed with the participation of CSOs, to strengthen the anti-corruption institutional mechanisms.

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Armenian Young Lawyers Association (AYLA) was established in 1995 with a Mission to promote to the establishment of the rule of law, democracy and formation of the civil society in Armenia, where the people are aware of their rights and their rights are protected.

Freedom of Information Center (FOI) operates over 10 years. The Mission of FOI is to promote application of the RA Freedom of Information Law, contribute to the transparency and openness of the Armenian government system and to stimulate civic society's involvement in the governance system.

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