

Ambassador Yamada attended the Ceremony dedicated to the 9th Anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake held in Spitak City

On March 11, Ambassador Yamada attended the annual ceremony of the Great East Japan Earthquake in Spitak, the epicenter of the Great Armenian Earthquake in 1988, and laid flowers at the khachkar (cross-stone) built by local volunteers.

On this day, the Minister of Emergency Situations Mr. Tsolakyan, Deputy of the National Assembly elected from Spitak City Mr. Petrosyan, the Governor of Lori Marz Mr. Ghukasyan, the Mayor of Spitak City Mr. Sahakyan, the Head of the Rescue Service of Spitak City Col. Gabrielyan (the initiator of the memorial) and other members, Bishop Ovse, and the residents of Spitak City gathered and prayed for the victims of the earthquake and the reconstruction of the affected areas.



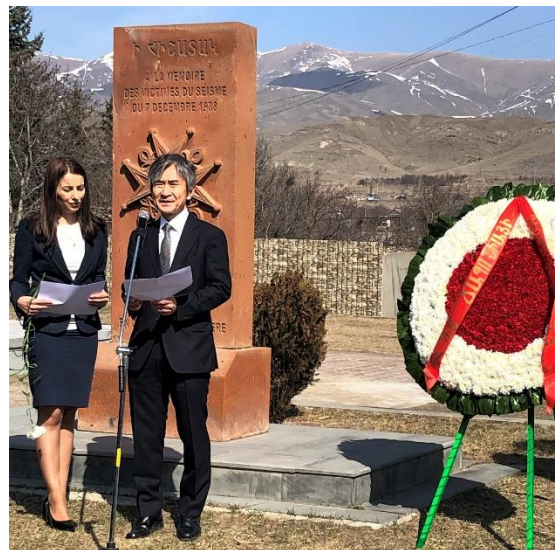
The Great East Japan Earthquake memorial
built by people in Spitak



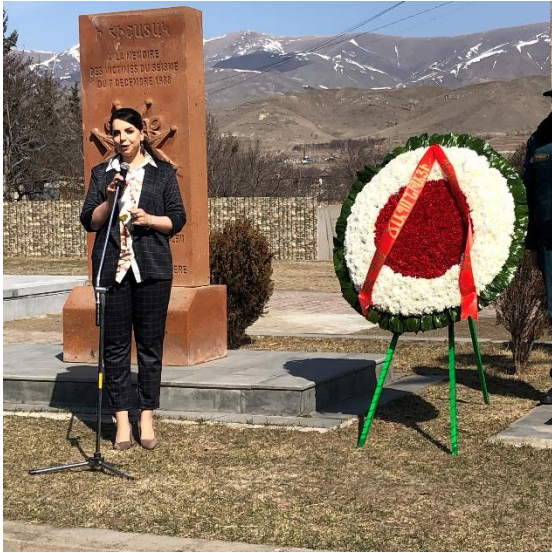
Prayer for the victims by Bishop Ovse



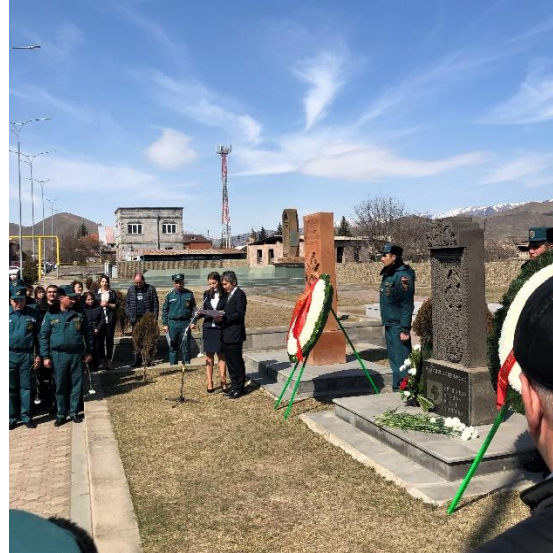
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Greeting by Ambassador Yamada



Representative of School No. 8 in Spitak, which was supported by Grassroots Human Security Projects: Heating System Improvement



Square with memorials



Col. Gabrielyan (initiator of the memorial), Governor of Lori Marz Mr. Ghukasyan, Ambassador Yamada, Minister of Emergency Situations Mr. Tsolakyan, Deputy of the National Assembly Mr. Petrosyan, Mayor of Spitak City Mr. Sahakyan



Salute by emergency rescue team members



Memorial of the Great Armenian Earthquake in 1988