

Completion Ceremony of the Project for Installation of Conservation Equipment in the Conservation Center of the Museums of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin

On October 2, 2026, the Completion Ceremony of the Project for Installation of Conservation Equipment in the Conservation Center of the Museums of Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin within the framework of Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects was held at the Conservation Center of the Museums of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

The Ceremony was attended by Ms. ANAZAWA Yoko, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Armenia, His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan, His Eminence Bishop Mushegh Babayan, Very Reverend Father Asoghik Karapetyan and Mr. Vasken Yacoubian, General Director of the AGBU Fund (Armenia), as well as representatives of museums and cultural institutions in Armenia.

Japanese Grant Assistance in the amount of up to USD 90,767 was provided to support the conservation and restoration of cultural heritage preserved at the Museums of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin through the installation of essential equipment for the Museums' conservation unit. The improved conservation environment will enable artworks currently in storage to be properly conserved and restored, making more of them accessible to the public and available for display, while contributing to welcoming more visitors from Armenia and around the world to the Cathedral and increasing the number of visitors to the Museums.

The Ceremony began with a ribbon-cutting by Ms. Anazawa, His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan and Mr. Yacoubian. Father Asoghik Karapetyan then welcomed the guests and expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan and the Embassy of Japan in Armenia for their support. Ms. Anazawa, Mr. Yacoubian and Archbishop Nathan Hovhannisyan delivered remarks, congratulating those involved in the Project and highlighting the importance of preserving Armenia's cultural heritage and identity.

Following the speeches, Father Asoghik Karapetyan invited the guests on a short tour to demonstrate the equipment installed within the framework of the Project.



Ribbon cutting



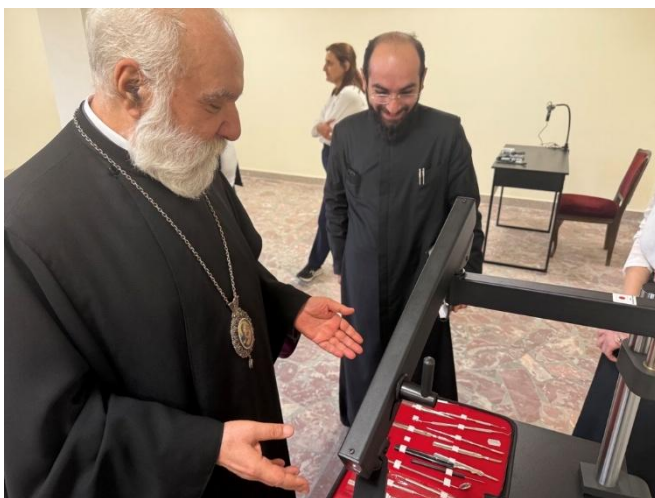
Speech by Reverend Father Asoghik



Speech by His Eminence
Archbishop Nathan Hovhannissyan



His Eminence Archbishop Nathan Hovhannissyan
and DHM Ms. Anazawa



Essential equipment for the conservation unit

