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## **Robert Kocharyan : Armenia is interested in expansion of mutually advantageous cooperation with Iran.**

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Armenia is interested in expansion of mutually advantageous cooperation with Iran in the spheres of energy, electricity and transport, especially in joining the two countries' railroads, said President of Armenia Robert Kocharyan during his meeting with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Tehran, on July 5. IRNA reports on the meeting referring to the press-service of Iranian President. To recap, Armenian President arrived in Tehran Wednesday on a two-day visit. The president is accompanied by Foreign Minister Vardan Oskanyan and Energy Minister Armen Movsisyan.

The source reports the presidents as stressing the aspiration of Iran and Armenia for development of versatile cooperation in all spheres.

R. Kocharyan underlined the existence of more than 90 documents of cooperation between Iran and Armenia that should be fulfilled as soon as possible. He invited his Iranian counterpart to Armenia. The invitation was accepted with gratitude.

Iranian President appraised the Iranian-Armenian partnership and came out for maximal use of the two countries' potentials for further deepening of the cooperation forms. He said Tehran is interested in development of cooperation with Yerevan in the sphere of transport, culture, sport, tourism and energy. The Iranian president underlined the successful activity of the joint Iranian- Armenian Intergovernmental Commission for Trade-Economic Cooperation.

After the document signing ceremony, the sides held a press conference, wherein President of Armenia emphasized the "friendly, stable and developing" relations of Armenia and Iran. In his turn, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said he discussed both bilateral and multilateral issues of regional and international importance with Robert Kocharyan. The same day, Robert Kocharyan met with Foreign Minister of Iran Manuchehr Mottaki and Secretary of the Iranian National Security Supreme Council Ali Larijani. Today, on July 6, Robert Kocharyan will meet with the local Armenian community.

Armenian Mass Media report the two presidents as signing 7 documents of cooperation: "Memorandum of Mutual Understanding between the Governments of RA and IRI on the aid provided by IRI for development of RA," "Program of Cooperation for 2006-2011 between the Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs of Armenia and Organization of Cultural Heritage and Tourism on preservation of cultural heritage," "Agreement on contract enclosed to the Agreement on Financing of the 3rd high-voltage power transmission line," "Agreement between RA and IRI on legal cooperation under civil and criminal codes," "Memorandum of Mutual Understanding between the economy ministries of RA and IRI," "Agreement between RA and IRI on financing of the construction of power transmission lines."

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