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deprived of parental care and have appeared in a difficult situation, as well courses are being organized for the collaborators of these sections.

NUMBER OF YOUNG WRITERS HAVE INCREASED IN RECENT YEARS IN ARMENIA, LEVON ANANIAN SAYS

NOYAN TAPAN

Levon Ananian, the Chairman of the Union of Writers of Armenia, at the July 10 meeting with journalists, said that an indefinite situation was created in the literary family in the 1990-s and the issue of change of generations was endangered, while the situation has changed abruptly and the number of young writers has increased in the recent years.

In his words, today not only young writers have joined the Union of Writers of Armenia, but also the Serund electronic newspaper, the Tsolker youth magazine have been created, and more

than twenty books of young creators have been published by the Mutk series of books. L. Ananian also said that works of young Diasporan writers should be also published by the Mutk series of books, for these writers' to become known both in the Diaspora and in the homeland. "That is, today the youth has all possibilites for creating and being published," the Chairman of the Union said.

Touching upon the Union's plans, L. Ananian said that a week of Russian language, a conference of Armenian writers writing in foreign languages, as well as days of Georgian poetry will be held in autumn in Armenia and in

AAEF RENDERS ASSISTANCE TO ARMENIAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

By Nana Petrosian AZG Armenian Daily

RA Science and Education ministry and the Anushavan Abrahamian Educational Fund (AAEF) signed an agreement, according to which the latter commits to continue rendering assistance to the Armenian vocational schools.

Holding speech after the signing ceremony, Levon Mkrtchian, RA Science and Education Minister, said that he hopes that other Diaspora-based Armenian benefactors will support this initiative.

The Foundation president

Anushavan Abrahamian said he is proud of being able to help Armenia restore its vocational education.

"I am not very rich but I want to spend the proceeds of our family Foundation on helping develop Armenian vocational education," he said urging other Diaspora Armenians to follow his example.

The Anushavan Abrahamian Education Fund (AAEF) was founded as a charitable organization in the USA in 2004 with the intention of starting its first programs in Armenia. It has already spent \$200,000 on vocational schools in Armenia and will provide \$500,000 more this year.

Artsakh.

It was also mentioned that the preparation for the All Armenian Writers' Conference and International Festival of Poetry to be held next year in Armenia has already started.