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PRESIDENT'S WORD

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In a year's time, Haigazian University will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So many of the earliest generations have brought their share to this world and passed on. Their conditions in the 1950s were so different. Telling simply from their photographs, the students looked so serious and well dressed, with books in their hands, and determination in their eyes. Maybe this is so because a photograph was in itself a station, a monument.

The conditions of our times are remarkably different. The technological revolution has introduced many new features and accessibilities. Modern and rapidly evolving means of communication have been impacting us all. Photographs of current students may represent a much more relaxed mood and the young adults may seem at ease with life and the surroundings. A photograph today is a transient and basically trivial item. It can easily be altered.

Human nature, however, remains the same. Our students today, just as those of old, are interested in finding a way: in their mind, in life, in society, in whichever world they exist. Even those who show little interest in academic or university life or in serious matters are still interested in something, in some way.

As we open a new academic page every year, by repeating so much, by restating of facts, we realize that each new student brings new life and each academic year has its opportune particularities. Therefore, a university also changes with the change in the student body. Still, some things at a university will also remain unchanged.

At Haigazian University, we aspire to inspire the students to get interested, to ask, to search, so that we may open the academic map we are prepared and experienced to show. We aspire to inspire students to also be good viewers, good listeners, good readers, good thinkers, and, as a result, good learners.

The young will always look for a way, we said. They will always be interested. We will hopefully help them see that not all ways are safe or solid, and not all ways lead to the proper and life-giving answers. Finally, we are here to help them move from being simply interested into being interested in what is good.

With every good wish, I remain yours, Rev. Paul Haidostian, Ph.D. President Haigazian University