

Donor: Dr. Toros Toranian

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Dr. Toros Toranian, renowned writer, orator, public personality and anesthetist, was born in Aleppo, in 1928 to Mr. Khatcher and Mrs. Vartouhi Toranian. In 1954, he married Miss Armenouhi Mardirossian in Beirut and was blessed with two children, Ani and Ara.

He attended several schools including the Aleppo Gulbenkian School and the Melkonian Educational Institute in Nicosia, and graduated as a general physician from Yerevan State Medical University and as an anesthetist from Damascus State Medical Hospital, Muasat. In 1974, the Yerevan State Medical Institute awarded him the honorary doctorate degree.

Dr. Toranian's first book, a collection of poems titled "*Asdgheru Jampan*" ("The Stars' Path"), was published in 1960, in Beirut. He has translated, edited and sponsored the publication of about 400 books, including around 100 books of his own. The main themes of his multi-genre works include his beloved motherland Armenia and its diaspora, personal testimonies of the genocide survivors, and love.

Dr. Toros Toranian, a friend of Haigazian University, donated a collection of about 170 books to both Barsumian and Derian Armenological Libraries of the university on April 8, 2015.

"In a city like Aleppo, it is really difficult to distribute 100 copies of any book, even if the price is affordable. For me it is not considered as selling a book, rather it is introducing St. Mesrob Mashdots to their households."

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