



## ARMENIAN ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS OF AMERICA MICHIGAN SECTION

### ARZO Computers A dynamic leader in the field

No Armenian has done more than Mike Arzoumanian to lead Armenian organizations to the computer age and then on to the 21 st Century technology.

When Mike Arzoumanian was 16, he devised a sound-activated On/Off main home light switch using transistors and relays. He also constructed a light-activated outdoor On/Off switch for signs and lights in which he used a photo resistor, transistors and relays. From these first steps into the computer age, an international company that is a leader in its field was off and running.



Trained in Tokyo and France in electronics, Mike Arzoumanian began his career working with Casio Corporation, a leader in the microelectronics field. After extensive travel and visiting most of the countries in the Mideast Gulf region, as well as countries in the Far East and Europe, Mike left Casio to form his own company in 1984. ARZO Electronics, Inc. USA is now headquartered at 3000 Town Center Southfield Michigan.

The name ARZO is taken from the first four letters of a last name that means ' "making all your wishes and dreams come true" '.

Arzoumanian and his wife Maral were invited to come to the United States by Michael Lee, president of Infinity Technology in Los Angeles. While on their visit, both Mike and Marale found the United States to hold a great future for ARZO, because though the company was overseas, orders from all over the world, from Russia and Poland to France and Belgium, were requesting that the computers be made or assembled in the United States. With his new American experience in hand, Arzoumanian decided to establish in the United States.

After arriving in Detroit, Mike attended Lawrence Technological University, where his knowledge and experience were evaluated to qualify him for a bachelors degree in computer sciences, today he holds masters in computer sciences, he is the CEO of Arzo Electronics & IT Administrator for AGBU Alex & Mary Manoogian School in Southfield, and the company Arzo is business partner & authorized service center for IBM, Hewlett Packard, Lenovo, Startec, Kingston, Belkin, APC, Intel & Sony.

Mike Arzoumanian was one of the pioneers in developing Armenian fonts for the computer. He has made his life's purpose to employ all the technical knowledge that he has acquired to the service of the Armenian organizations and individuals, leading them to the technological age.

Arzoumanian has aggressively marketed the standard and phonetic keyboard which he developed. His keyboard layout is widely use in Armenia and many other countries.

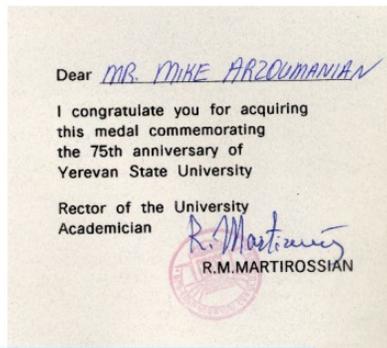
He has developed six Armenian CD's, Hayasdan CD1, CD2, CD3, the first three of which contain a variety of Armenian clip art, photos of Armenian costumes, poets, churches pictures of writers etc... He is ready to launch his fourth CD which teaches letter writing in Armenian. The fifth CD in his Armenia series is an optical character recognition software (OCR), and the sixth will serve as a dictionary from English into Armenian and vice versa.

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ARZO Electronics has been engaged in a massive plan to computerize Armenia. He has supplied and installed the most advanced computer systems at the Izmirlian Library, on the Yerevan State University campus. He has also supplied computers to the office of the Armenian President and the Holy See at Etchmiadzine.

In 1998 Mike Arzoumanian was awarded the 75 th anniversary medal by Dr. Radik Martirosyan, President of Yerevan State University.



Closer to home, Mike Arzoumanian is on the go to supplying and servicing computers to many Businesses High Schools, Law Offices, Health Care Companies, Machine Shops, Schools and Universities.

ARZO Electronics Inc. holds two patents: an Armenian character generator for all major computers (EPROM) and a digital pen portable disc drive which reads data from books in much the same way that a disc drive reads data from a magnetic disc. Currently, ARZO sells and services computer equipment, accessories and supplies on a local, national and international level. ARZO also manufactures digital indicators for both the Wheel of Fortune and the Price is Right TV game shows, as well as other items like digital scoreboards for basketball, digital indicators and controllers for elevators, digital time/temperature clocks such as those seen in front of banks, and digital panels for advertising.

At the present time Arzoumanian has embarked on a more rewarding challenge, which is the VIEWNET, in association with professors from the University of Michigan. The purpose is to extend fiber optics technology to Armenia and conduct job interviews and provide jobs to scientists who are the most "endangered species" in Armenia.

What does the future hold for ARZO and for Mike Arzoumanian? Currently, there are two practical projects in progress: Arzosoftware Custom Software programming and Arzo Sports & Fun Parks.