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FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAKES PROF. CONSTANTINOS CHRISTOFIDES “OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE ACADEMIC PALMS”

UCY Rector recognized for his meritorious contribution to French education and culture

The Rector of the University of Cyprus (UCY), Prof. Constantinos Christofides, has been recently named *Officer of the Order of Academic Palms (Ordre des Palmes Académiques)*, receiving one of France’s most prestigious honors.

The honor - the oldest and most highly respected award presented to scholars by the French government - recognizes the merits, talents and exemplary activities of academics and cultural and educational figures. The bestowal of the award outside of France is a declaration of admiration and of gratitude to those who have dedicated much of their lives, work and talent to the knowledge, analysis, understanding, and communication of French culture. Decisions on nominations and promotions are decided by the Minister of Education and winners receive a medallion on a ribbon that is meant to be worn on the left breast.

Prof. Christofides received the award - bestowed on him by the French Ambassador in Cyprus, H.E. Mr. René Troccaz, in recognition of his outstanding service and contributions to French education and culture - during the special Ceremony that took place at the French Ambassador’s residence, on November 23rd 2017.

As the French Ambassador said in his remarks, the award is an acknowledgment by the French Government of his significant contribution to the promotion of the French language, to the communication of French ideas, and to the advancement of French education and culture. Mr. Troccaz also acknowledged the Rector’s invaluable contribution to the enhancement of the long lasting partnerships between the University of Cyprus and the French Embassy in Cyprus and eventually the bilateral ties between the two countries.

In receiving the prestigious governmental honor, Prof. Christofides expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the French Government for being honored and privileged to receive the highly esteemed award.