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## **UCY'S NEW FACULTY OF MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE UP AND RUNNING IN LARNACA**

### ***First study programmes planned to be starting in 2018***

The Rector of the University of Cyprus (UCY), Prof. Constantinos Christofides, and the Mayor of Larnaka, Mr. Andreas Vyras, have officially announced the establishment of the new "Faculty of Marine Science and Technology" at UCY, which will be based in Larnaka. The news was generated at a Press Conference that took place at the Larnaka Municipal Art Gallery on October 10th 2017, in the presence of the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, Mr. Kitack Lim. The Press Conference was organized jointly by UCY and Larnaka Municipality for the presentation of a series of important initiatives to be developed, including the University's new and innovative academic project and the MARITEC-X Project, which will be supporting the new Faculty of Marine Science and Technology. As it has been unanimously pointed out by all the officials who addressed the audience, the series of the initiatives launched are expected to alter significantly the Blue Innovation Research and Technology scenery of Cyprus.

The School will be specifically geared toward meeting the challenges faced by the particular sectors, UCY Rector said among other things in his address. Its establishment will inevitably assist in a substantial manner Cyprus to perform certain State duties. "*The School's vision*" as Prof. Christofides specified "*is to become a Centre of Excellence in both Education and Research in Marine Technology and Marine Sciences and an important intellectual service provided hub for Eastern Mediterranean.*" He closed his address by thanking the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works and the State at large for their support, the Larnaka Municipality for the close, beneficial-for-both-sides collaboration, and of course the International Advisory Committee for their work.