University of Cyprus celebrates 25th anniversary appraising the present and looking forward with Purpose

In September 2015, University of Cyprus celebrated 25 years of dedication to knowledge, research and innovation, as the first highest academic institution of Cyprus: with 7,000 students, eight schools, 22 departments and 11 research units, in 2015 the University ranked in the first 1,000 universities in the world. When the University of Cyprus accepted its first students in 1992, the total registered students consisted of 471 undergraduate students. Now it is eventually expected to offer courses of study for 10,000 students.

Rector Constantinos Christofides during his speech on the day of the celebrations, he focused on the vision and aspirations of the University for the next five and the next 25 years: to become a model institution, as to its operation, inventiveness, self-activity, motivation and resourcefulness of its members. A University of all Cyprus after the reunification of the island where all the island’s youth, all the creative forces of the country could come across, away from discrimination, intolerance and segregation. A challenging continuous modernization is on process in the University of Cyprus, as it is the only way that it can be competitive on an international level in an ever – changing environment. University of Cyprus is now planning the construction of a large photovoltaic water reservoir, the creation of an organic farming carob tree forest, for both research and corporate purposes, the design of a high-tech food factory, the upgrading of Kyparounta hospital into a university hospital with specialization in respiratory medicine, the construction of a solar desalination park and the creation of cyclotron for research and medical purposes.

On to the occasion, President of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades called on the university academics and students to never cease to question; this is what purely justifies the title of a scientist. He is confident that the University of Cyprus will continue to produce knowledge and light in the island and the world.

As the former President of Cyprus Giorgos Vassiliou said, the first 25 years of the University’s operation have been only the beginning. Cyprus can become a significant and thriving academic and research center for the region.