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Cyprus President honours former Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain Gregorios and the Metropolitan of Kenya Makarios for their service to the country



The President of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades honoured on Wednesday evening four members of the diaspora for their important service to their country, during a reception held at the garden of the Presidential Palace, in Nicosia.

Moreover, he assured those present about the willingness of the government to further strengthen the mutually beneficial cooperation between the diaspora and Cyprus.

The reception was hosted by President Anastasiades and his wife, Andri, honouring the participants of the 20th World Conference of Overseas Cypriots POMAK-PSEKA-NEPOMAK. The four recipients are the former Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain Gregorios, the Metropolitan of Kenya Makarios, the former President of the

Women's division of the Pancyprian Association Doctor Florentia Christodoulidou and the former President of the Cyprus Community of South Australia Christos Ioannou.

In his speech, the President praised their internationally recognised and outstanding contribution, for the benefit of the diaspora, in the realms of culture, education, philanthropy. Their work also played a decisive role in the progress and development of our country, their country of residence and the society in general, he added.

"There is no doubt that by honouring your origins, keeping your religion, language, the traditions of our country, you turned yourselves into ambassadors of culture, history and, primarily, of the proper display of our positions and just national causes abroad" he added.

The President also noted the remarkable, as he said, an increase of young members who enter each year NEPOMAK, the Youth of the World Federation of Overseas Cypriots.

During the event, the organizations of Overseas Cypriots presented a bust of Alexander the Great as a symbolic gift to the President of Cyprus, who in turn remarked that "we ought to learn from his fighting spirit, his patriotism and his resolve."

Presidential Commissioner Photis Photiou also referred to the exceptional and timeless contribution of those who received the distinctions by the President, noting their efforts for the benefit of their fellow citizens and of their country.

The members of the Central Council were briefed earlier by the President of Cyprus on the latest developments regarding the Cyprus issue. Photiou, together with the Presidents of POMAK, PSEKA and NEPOMAK also laid a wreath at the statue of Archbishop Makarios, at the entrance of the Presidential Palace.

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