

## **Ecumenical Patriarch greets 25 general consuls at Halki Monastery**



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, this week greeted 25 general consuls of a same number of countries with consulates in the Bosphorus metropolis, during their visit to the Patriarchate's Holy Trinity Monastery on the small Marmara Sea isle of Halki.

The Ecumenical Patriarch received the foreign diplomats at the Monastery's Synodical chambers, in the presence of the its Abbot, the Bishop of Erythres, His Grace Kirillos.

The Holy Trinity Monastery is affiliated with the Halki School of Theology, the Patriarchate's primary seminar, which Turkish authorities ordered closed in 1971 and have refused to allow its official reopening since then.

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