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PRESS RELEASE

On May 3, 2012, the Ministry of Education and Culture, within the framework of the co-funded project “Programme for Greek Language Teaching Applicable to Migrants and Other Foreign Language Speaking Residents of Cyprus,” organized successfully the conference “Intercultural Education - Challenges and Prospects”.

The honorable Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. George Demosthenous, addressed the conference. Amongst other things, he noted that regarding intercultural education “with the interaction of the various forms of diversity, in respect to the demands of school and the society for knowledge, the school is confronted with questions and challenges.” Specifically he pointed out that, the main questions are “how effective the school can be when most children in the class are foreign language speaking” and “how can the school balance the content of the curricula and the needs of the children themselves.”

At the conference, the Head of the European Funding Management Unit of the Ministry of Education and Culture Mr. Elias Markadjis, presented the project “Programme for Greek Language Teaching Applicable to Migrants and Other Foreign Language Speaking Residents of Cyprus”, which, is one of the measures taken by the Ministry of Education and Culture as part of its general policy on the issue of intercultural education.

The speakers at the conference were Dr George Tsiakalos, Professor of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Chair of the Committee for the New Analytical Programmes, Dr Michalinos Zembylas, Associate Professor at the Open University of Cyprus, and Dr Loizos Symeou and Dr Paraskevi Hadjipanayiotou, Assistant Professors at the European University-Cyprus.