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Inspiring High School Students to Take an Interest in Computer Science

***Code Cyprus* aims at Inspiring High School Students to Take an Interest in Coding and Entrepreneurship**

Code Cyprus 2016 took place on Saturday, March 5th 2016 in Pyla. More than 130 middle and high school students from all around Cyprus participated.

The program started at 9:30 a.m. with registration and concluded at 2:30 p.m. with the prizes ceremony. The highlights of the event were:

- A short welcome message from the Cyprus Digital Champion representative.
- An inspiring talk from Code Cyprus founder Nearchos Paspallis.
- Four specialized workshops where the students were introduced to programming. These were structured to match different student skills: a beginners workshop, two intermediate workshops on computer games and robotics, and an advanced workshop on databases.
- The highlight of the event was a Treasure Hunt competition, where students followed hints shown on their smart-phone to get to the treasure. The first three teams won two €200 coupons for Cytashops each offered by Cyta (a total of €1200 of awards).

Code Cyprus is a yearly event that aims at educating students about the beauty and value of coding, and its rich potential for entrepreneurship. It was launched in 2013 with funding from the *Cyprus Fulbright Commission*, under the Alumni Small Grants scheme. The event for 2016, was organised in partnership with Cyta and has received support also from UCLan Cyprus, the Cyprus Digital Champion office, the United States Embassy in Cyprus, the Cyprus Computer Society, Engino, and the InSPIRE lab.

For more information visit the project's website: http://www.codecyprus.org.

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