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Inspiring Middle and High School Students to Take an Interest in Coding

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

Code Cyprus organized a unique event on Saturday, 4th of March welcoming 112 high school students who participated, learned, won prizes, and had fun!

The yearly event 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.

This year Code Cyprus was coorganized by UCLan Cyprus and the Cyprus Computer Society (CCS) in partnership with the Digital Champion Cyprus, Engino Ltd, the Embassy of the United States in Cyprus, and ECDL.

The event took place at the UCLan Cyprus campus in Pyla. The highlights of the event were:

- A welcome message by Mr Constantinos Karagiorgis on behalf of the Cyprus Digital Champion Dr Stelios Chimonas, and by Mr Kyriacos Kyriacou on behalf of the Cyprus Computer Society.
- An inspiring talk from Code Cyprus founder Nearchos Paspallis about the value and benefits of learning to code.
- Five specialized workshops where the students were introduced to programming. These included beginners, intermediate (games and robotics themed) and advanced (programming electronics with Arduino and accessing databases with SQL) workshops, to match different student skills.
- As with every year, the highlight of the event was a Treasure Hunt competition, where students followed hints shown on their mobile phones to get to the treasure. The winners earned prizes offered by Engino.

For more information and pictures from the event please visit: http://www.codecyprus.org.

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