

# [CODE CYPRUS 2016]

## Code Cyprus 2016 - Press Release (english)

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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 and Entrepreneurship**

Code Cyprus 2016 took place on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 at UCLan Cyprus. 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 award ceremony. The highlights of the event were:

- A short welcome message on behalf of the Cyprus Digital Champion.
- An inspiring talk from Code Cyprus founder Dr Nearchos Paspallis on the benefits of learning to code.
- Four specialized workshops introducing students to programming. These were structured to match different student skills: a beginners workshop for newcomers, 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 answered programming questions and followed hints shown on their smart-phones 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 which was first launched in 2013 with funding from the *Cyprus Fulbright Commission*, under the Alumni Small Grants scheme. It has become a yearly event with the aim to educate students about the beauty and value of coding and its high potential for entrepreneurship.

The event for 2016, was organised in partnership with Cyta and has received sponsorship by UCLan Cyprus, the Cyprus Digital Champion office, the United States Embassy in Cyprus, the Cyprus Computer Society, Engino, and the InSPIRE center.

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

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