

CYPSEC 2024 - Press Release

CYPSEC 2024 - The 5th Cyprus International Defence & Security Conference was successfully completed in Nicosia

The 5th Cyprus Int'l Defence & Security Conference, CYPSEC 2024, (www.cypsec.eu) took place on November 12, in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Welcoming adresses were given on behalf of the Minister of Defence, Mr. Vasilis Palmas, by the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ms. Anna Aristotelous, on behalf of the Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Gen. Dimitrios Choupis, by Brig Gen Grigorios Gkoutzelis and by Lt Gen Nikolaos Kontopidis (Ret), representing the Hellenic Institute for Strategic Studies (HEL.I.S.S.).

A KEYNOTE SPEECH was given by the Chief of the National Guard of Cyprus, Lt Gen Georgios Tsitsikostas.

During the conference program, presentations were made by major int'l Defence Industry players such as DAMEN, UVisison Air and by Cypriot companies that are already active in the field of Defence & Security such as EIGHT BELLS, Space Solution Systems, SWARMLY.

Also relevant recommendations were made - placements of institutional and non-institutional Organizations such as the Hellenic Institute for Strategic Studies (HEL.I.S.S.), the Cyprus Organization for Standardization (CYS) and the Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO).

At the same time, an excellent panel discussion was held on the topic "The Geopolitical Role of Cyprus today - Strategies for advancement" moderated by CYPCEC Honorary Member, Dr. Petros Kareklas, Fmr Permanent Secretary, MoD of Cyprus, Fmr President of the Occupied Municipalities of Cyprus, Fmr Mayor of Kythrea with Panelists, High-Level Experts such as: Dr. Marios P. Efthymiopoulos, Assoc. Prof. of Int'l Security and Strategy, Neapolis University Pafos (NUP), CEO & Founder, Strategy International, Petros Zarounas, Political analyst, Fmr Secretary-General, Geostrategic Council of Cyprus, Lt Gen Demokritos Zervakis (Ret), Fmr Chief of the National Guard of Cyprus and Dr. Vassilis (Bill) Kappis, International Security Scholar and Analyst.

It was a privilege for the audience to hear excellent views & constructive patterns for strategic options that would benefit the sovereign future of Cyprus and the role it could play in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The conference was attended by former Ministers of Defence & Permanent Secretaries of Cyprus, the Ambassador of Israel, Defence Attachés & Senior Advisors from embassies, Ambassadors a.h., senior officers of the National Guard, senior directors & executives of the MoD, senior representatives of Ministries, Cypriot Organizations, Police, Fire Service, Civil Defence, Officers' & Non-Commissioned Officers Associations as well as several executives of companies with local and international activity, highlighting the event, as an institution in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

Photo gallery, highlight video and the e-Booklet are available in the main page of the website (www.cypsec.eu).

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