



Cyprus and US sign deal to strengthen science ties

FINANCE MINISTER Charilaos Stavrakis and US ambassador Frank Urbancic yesterday signed an agreement aiming at strengthening scientific and technological capabilities between the US and Cyprus.

The agreement also aims to broaden and expand relations between the extensive scientific and technological communities in both countries, and to promote scientific and technological co-operation in areas of mutual benefit for peaceful purposes.

The US Ambassador welcomed the agreement saying: "We look forward to a bright future between our two peoples". "I am delighted to be here, to sign the technical agreement we have just completed and I am looking forward to conversations and programmes that will develop on the basis of the agreement", he added.

Urbancic said that this week a series of seminars would take place on subjects such as nanotechnology, super computing, water supply purification and business academia collaboration.

Events in several cities related to the signing have been organised in collaboration with the Cypriot government through the Planning Bureau and institutional partners such as the Cyprus Institute, the University of Cyprus, the Cyprus-American Business Association, and the Chamber of Commerce. These include seminars on nanotechnology, water management, marine archaeology, high-performance computing, and cognitive neuroscience.

Stavrakis described the deal as "very important".

"We would like to move to other areas with more potential and mainly the area of research, development and technology, he said.



US ambassador Frank Urbancic at the signing