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UCY Welcomes another significant donation

Rector: "Distinctive collection of Nikos Falas comes to enrich our library's set of archive collections"

The University of Cyprus announces to have been donated the private archive of Nikos Falas on Rizokarpasos, the Karpasia Peninsula and the Apostolos Andreas Monastery. The collection includes journals, press clippings, magazines, papers, photographic material, recorded material, videos, cassettes and other artifacts spanning almost a century (1927-2016). The set of these unique records has been created by Mr. Falas in the conduct of his affairs, functions and responsibilities as the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of Karpasia and a collector from Rizokarpasos.

The signing ceremony of the Agreement for the donation took place on Tuesday, January 10th 2017, at the UCY Campus.

Commenting on the donation, Mr. Falas said: *"I have decided to donate my private archive to the country's main public academic research library, where the material will be heavily used by the academic community and the general public. Given that one of its key goals is to collect, preserve, promote and make accessible the documentary and intellectual records of the life of Cyprus - including the island's history and culture - UCY Library is the perfect home for my collection. Moreover, I am confident that the on-going digitization process and safe storing of the UCY Library's collections enhance the rapid knowledge dissemination and provide access to its digitized material for users around the country and throughout the world."*

"We are honored to have been donated another collection with enduring value", stated UCY Rector, Professor Constantinos Christofides. *"This is a very significant addition to our set of*

collections, which continues to grow, both in terms of quality and quantity. UCY community expresses its gratitude to Mr. Falas for the generous donation and looks forward to seeing what other treasures may soon find a home in our Library, which is to be housed soon in the new Learning Resource Centre 'Stelios Ioannou'. I am certain that this generosity will be appreciated by the Library's users, as well as the future generations of Cyprus".

End of Announcement