



“Dear participants,

I warmly greet you, on behalf of the University of Cyprus (UCY), in the 12th European Universities Volleyball Championship to be held from 23rd to 30th June 2013, in Nicosia.

We readily embraced the idea to host at our premises, the “UCY Athletic Center”, this prestigious competition, organized under the aegis of the European University Sports Association (EUSA).

Since its establishment in 1989, UCY has consistently pursued excellence, fulfilling the numerous aspirations of the country and its mission to the Cypriot society. Moreover, due to the difficult circumstances of division and occupation that our homeland is going through, the University is called upon to become an institution of creative thinking and mediation, and to play a catalytic role for transformation and progress.

Today, UCY is recognized as the most important research and higher education institution of Cyprus, and has also been honored as a ‘distinguished Mediterranean University’. Emphasis on sports has always been significant for us, as the sport spirit is the value that prospers the academic, scientific and cultural entity.

We recognize the essential role that national and state sporting organizations can play in leading and growing sports for the benefit of all community members. The various sports actions taken by the University throughout its short life span, along with the important activities organized, such as this Championship, are reflected in the academic institution being placed in the international sports arena.

This unique event gives the participating universities the opportunity to strengthen their ties and the fans to watch exciting volleyball games, making each culture stand out at its best. Cyprus is looking forward to watch these games.

Concluding my message, I wish the best of luck to every team. Enjoy your stay in the Aphrodite's island and the Cypriot hospitality. I am certain the time to be spent in Cyprus will become some of your great memories.”

Friendly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Constantinos Christofides". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is placed on a white rectangular background.

Professor Constantinos Christofides
UCY Rector