

Honorary Doctorate award to Professor Costas Th. Grammenos

"The International Hellenic University, without a doubt, is moving steadily in the right direction. You have a vision. This is very important. I believe that there is only one path, that of creation, which is the reason for our existence. The path that elevates us academics who, with our research and teaching, pass on the small piece of knowledge we create and hand it over to the present and future generations. In this way, knowledge acquires an element of immortality."

The above was pointed out by **Professor Costas Th. Grammenos**, Professor of Shipping, Trade and Finance at the Bayes Business School at City, University of London and first President of the International Hellenic University from 2006 to 2019, during the ceremony of award of an Honorary Doctorate by the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Economics of the International Hellenic University, on Wednesday 17 April 2024, in the central Amphitheater of Building A in Themi. In his honor, the amphitheater will be renamed, the "Costas Th. Grammenos Amphitheater".

During his speech at this very special event, the Rector of the International Hellenic University, **Professor Stamatis Angelopoulos** stated "It is a special day, because we are honoring the emblematic and first President of the International Hellenic University, Professor Costas Grammenos. He paved the way for us in a context of ethics, hard work, team spirit and academic excellence. This ceremony is a special honor for our University and for me as a Rector. We have inherited a University that validates the idea of internationalization. We are trying to adhere to this legacy and the results of the last two years in this direction are impressive."

The Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Economics, Professor Manolis Manoledakis noted that "We are honoring a very remarkable man. Professor Costas Grammenos is the man who founded this University, based on his moral principles and values. He aimed at building a higher education institution that will be based primarily on meritocracy".

Among other guests, the former Prime Minister, Mr. Costas Karamanlis, attended the ceremony, during whose term of office, the draft law defining the establishment of the first International University in our country came into force, with the honoree as the first President of the University Governing Board.