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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Aristotle University Opens Its Doors to 236,000 Students of Central Macedonia**

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A comprehensive and experiential first introduction to university life, research, and innovation is the aim of the program “Discovering the Future at Aristotle University,” a new educational initiative of Aristotle University, implemented in collaboration with the Regional Directorate of Primary and Secondary Education of Central Macedonia.

The program seeks to connect Aristotle University with more than 236,000 students, as well as educators from 2,344 schools across the seven regional units of Central Macedonia, opening new horizons of knowledge and inspiration for the younger generation.

The initiative will be presented at a joint informational event on Tuesday, 27 January 2026, from 12:30 to 14:30, at the Ceremonial Hall of Aristotle University.

Through organized visits by school units, Aristotle University will open its doors to students of all educational levels from the Region of Central Macedonia, offering them the opportunity to become familiar firsthand with its Schools and Departments.

The program aims to spark students’ imagination, demonstrate in practice how studies and research at Aristotle University make use of modern digital technologies for the benefit of science, health, the environment, and society, and bring students into direct contact with members of the academic community. At the same time, it aspires to inspire future students and strengthen the belief that they themselves can become creators of innovation.

Speakers at the event will include the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis; the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Outreach, Lifelong Learning,

and Student Welfare, Professor Iakovos Michailidis; the Regional Director of Primary and Secondary Education of Central Macedonia, Alexandros Koptsis; and Konstantinos Diamantis, member of the Special Teaching Staff (E.D.I.P.) of the School of Medicine and Coordinator of the initiative. Interventions will also be delivered by Professor Niki Papavramidou of the School of Medicine of Aristotle University, school principals, and representatives of students.

The informational event is addressed to all executives of Primary and Secondary Education in Central Macedonia and aims to present in detail the content of the initiative, the implementation timeline, and the procedures for school participation.

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***We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.***