

**ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,  
Dr KAROLOS PAPOULIAS**

I welcome the official opening ceremony of the “Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies” at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. It is my wish and hope that this Centre will become a pole of attraction for the best Greek and foreign scholars and scientists connected with the work of the great Stagirite philosopher, in order to enable the advancement, under its auspices, of Aristotle studies on an international level. Moreover, it should be noted that prominent Greek Aristotle scholars working at Higher Intellectual Institutions of our country and abroad, have published, particularly in the last years, original contributions to the study of Aristotle’s work.

I would also like to stress the importance of the interdisciplinary approach towards Aristotelian work, as it extends from Political Philosophy, Moral Philosophy and Psychology to Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Zoology, including even Technology of ancient Greece. In the age of scientific specialization, the study of Aristotelian thought comes to remind us of the unity of thought, since many of the philosophical questions posed by the rapid development of modern science and technology can be fruitfully approached through the study of the primary principles and the methodology of Aristotelian science.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all of you, from the President of the Centre, Professor Demetra Sfendoni-Mentzou, and the other members of the Board and the Scientific Committee, to the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Ioannis Mylopoulos, who embraced and supported this initiative, and to wish you success in your most ambitious goals.