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## Akis Cleanthous

Born in 1964, in Argaka (district of Pafos)  
Married, one child

Having served as an officer of the National Guard, he studied at the Baruch College, New York and was awarded a degree in Marketing Management. He then pursued his studies at St. John's University, New York and obtained the post-graduate degree MEA at Quantitative Analysis.

On his return to Cyprus he was employed in the banking sector and distinguished himself for the initiatives he exhibited and his innovative activities in the field of electronic banking services.

At the same time he was a lecturer at tertiary education institutions in Cyprus while managing a large firm dealing with modern technologies.

In 2003 he was appointed by the Council of Ministers Chairman of the Cyprus Stock Exchange, an office he held up to 20 February 2007, when he assumed the office of Minister of Education and Culture.

His social and political activity started at his student years developed through student and youth movements and continued through the collective bodies of the Democratic Party in which he participates as a member of the Executive Office and Head of the Political Planning Bureau.