

## **Akis Cleanthous Minister of Education & Culture**

Akis Cleanthous was born in 1964 and comes from the District of Pafos.

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 where he obtained a post graduate degree MBA in Quantitative Analysis.

On his return to Cyprus he was employed in the banking sector and distinguished himself for the initiatives and 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 engaged in 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.

He is married and has one child.