

The CV of the Mayor of Lemesos, Mr. Andreas Christou

He was born in Lemesos in 1948 and has been a Lanition Grammar School graduate. He was at the leadership of the students' organised groups.

He studied engineering in Moscow and was actively involved in the Cypriot students' organised groups. He was a member of the Council of the National Unions Federation of Cypriot Students (OEFEK) and General Secretary of the Pan Cyprian Federation of the Students' Union (POFNE). He was also a member of the Executive Council and President of the Lemesos Common Democratic Youth Organisation (EDON).

He was elected Municipal Councillor in Lemesos at the first municipal elections organised in the Republic of Cyprus in 1986. During the same period, he was also a member of the Lemesos-Amathus Drainage Council (SALA) as well as of the Limassol Water Supply Council. He was actively involved in the social and cultural life of the town, being a member of various committees and institutions. He participated in Limassolian choruses and glee clubs as a guitar player and a serenader.

Initially he worked as an engineer and later he belonged to the managerial staff of an industry in Lemesos.

In 1989 he was elected Regional Secretary of the Communist Party (AKEL) in Lemesos and was fully involved in political activities. He has been a member of the Political Bureau since 1990.

He has been elected three times deputy in the region of Lemesos. He was for many years President of the Committee of Institutions and Values of the House of Representatives, President of the Sub Committee of the Temporary Staff of the House and a member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs. He was the Spokesperson of the Communist Party and a member of the National Council.

In 2003 he was appointed Minister of Interior and kept his position until September 2006. He is married with Kristian Argyridou and they have a son, whose name is Spyros.