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## Press release

The University of Crete, hosted a six-member high-ranked delegation of the **Shanghai Hospital Development Center**, a state-owned foundation that develops and operates health care facilities in Shanghai, on **Tuesday 19 September 2023**, in the view of collaboration.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by the Rector Prof. George M. Kontakis, the Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, Lifelong Learning, International Relations and Outlook, Prof. George Kossioris, and the Dean of the University's Medical School, Prof. George Kochiadakis with the participation of professors of the Medical School.

The delegation's interest was focused on the University's Medical School and the University General Hospital of Heraklion (Pagni), while the agenda of the visit included talents development, smart medical research, transformation of medical scientific and technological achievements, experience for dealing emergency public health crisis. Presentations were made on the University of Crete, its foreign language postgraduate programs, the foreign language undergraduate program in Medicine and the collaborations of Medical School via Erasmus+, as well as, the management of the Covid-19 pandemic. The presentations were followed by a discussion and exchange of experiences.

The program also included, a tour of the delegation to the laboratories of the Medical School of the UoC, a meeting at the University General Hospital of Heraklion (PAGNI) with the Deputy Hospital Director Mr. Stylianos Kteniadakis and lunch at Medical School of the UoC.

Positive feedback was received by both parties of the meeting. The material of the presentations was distributed electronically to the participants of the Delegation, which will be the occasion for the concretization of the points of cooperation and a springboard for a new dialogue.

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