

Stelios Award for business cooperation in Cyprus

Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou, the serial entrepreneur and founder of easyGroup, will personally fund awards to promote island-wide, bi-communal business cooperation between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriot entrepreneurs.

Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriot entrepreneurs gathered Monday evening at the residence of Britain's High Commissioner to Cyprus Peter Millett.

Presidential Commissioner George Iacovou speaking to the entrepreneurs called them

to "grasp the opportunity, because it is important to show the way".

"We are trying very hard to find a solution. I hope we will achieve it. We are fanatically favour of a solution and we are working for the unity of this country and the unity of this country will partly manifested through a united economy", he added.

Turkish-Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat, in a written message read out by Britain's High Commissioner, congratulated Sir Stelios for his initia-

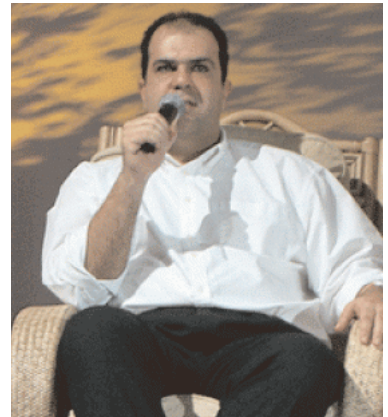
tive "to reward those who show the willingness to cooperate and create business ventures together in Cyprus our common homeland".

"I would encourage entrepreneurs from both sides of our island to make good use of this offer whose main distinguished criteria is coming together as Turkish and Greek Cypriots by doing so they will not only have a chance to win a reward but also a chance to contribute to a much bigger cause which is to contribute to peace and reconciliation in

Cyprus", he added.

Pledging to give away as much as 1million euros over the next four years, Sir Stelios will review applications personally and select the winning teams best able to demonstrate effective teamwork, mutual trust and the best prospects for business viability in the future.

Up to five winning teams per year will each be presented a personal check for 50,000 euros per team by Stelios himself in a ceremony in Nicosia at the end of 2009 and each year



thereafter for up to four years, depending on the caliber of applicants.



MORE FREE WORKSHOPS!!

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Songs from next door

Starting again on July 28th, seniors from the Marrickville area are invited to share songs from their cultural or musical background, and learn vocal warm ups and techniques. This choir was established in May following a series of free singing workshops sponsored by Marrickville Council. New members are most welcome to join in.

Venue: Seaview Hall, Seaview St, Dulwich Hill (next to library)

Time: 12.30 – 3.00pm

Dates: **Tuesdays from 28th July 2009 to 15th December 2009**

For information and registration please telephone Linda on 9568 6303

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Jewels of the Crown:

Paros Island

Paros Island, one of the largest of the Cyclades, with approx. 120 km coastline, situated about halfway between Athens and Santorini. It has a lot to offer its visitors.



Whether one prefers a quiet, peaceful holiday enjoying nature and traditional Greek atmosphere, or one is more of a party type, the island provides endless possibilities.

Paros features many beautiful sandy beaches; some are hidden, tiny little bays, enclosed by extraordinarily "sculptured" rocks ("Kolimbithres"- photo), while others are long and wide.

The countryside - with its terraced hills and magnificent rock formations, endless vineyards, olive groves and fruit trees - is overwhelming. There also exist many attractive villages in the traditional Cycladic style. Their glowing white houses along labyrinth-wise streets, decorated with arches, pretty balconies, Greek pottery, bright flowers and fragrant herbs can make the visitor discover one postcard theme after another.

Paros also has an incredible amount of picturesque churches, chapels and monasteries, likewise windmills, and you stumble across historical remains wherever you go, some of them of great significance in Greek History.

There are plenty of tasteful little shops offering Greek souvenirs, jewellery and other beautiful things, but not too many of them.

As they are evenly spread out between grocery stores, little super

markets, bakeries etc., you can experience every day Greek life and atmosphere at the same time. There are no "ghettos" or multi-story hotels destroying the its beauty and original character. Nor have the hospitality and friendliness of the local people diminished through rapid growth of tourism during the past years. You will still have those remarkable little experiences like Greeks inviting you into their homes for a coffee and telling you the most interesting stories...!



Laiki Bank Australia launches new Laiki SuperLend facility

Laiki Bank Australia launched a new opportunity for investors with Self Managed Super Funds (SMSFs) who are looking to enter and invest in the Australian property market.

The Laiki SuperLend facility allows SMSFs to borrow up to 70 per cent to purchase a residential, commercial or retail investment property, giving those who manage their own Super the opportunity for greater protection of their assets with minimal risk.

Head of Credit at Laiki Bank Australia, Mr Steven Pambris said this new lending facility was a great opportunity for investors seeking to maximise the potential of their superannuation.

"Many Australians trust property over shares as an asset class to deliver secure and reliable investment returns. In these difficult economic times, more and more Australians are realising the benefits of having a hands-on approach to their superannuation," Mr Pambris said.

Prior to September 2007, investment in property was not an option for self-managed superannuation funds in Australia. However, late last year, changes to legislation have opened up a new avenue of superannuation investment diversification, by making property investment possible.

"This new lending facility gives SMSFs more control while providing investors access to one of the most stable asset classes for them to in-

vest and grow their retirement funds.

"For those investors who wish to invest in property while having a greater control over their superannuation, then this product is one of the best vehicles to maximise this goal," Mr Pambris said.

The product requires no minimum loan amount and can be used to buy any Australian residential, commercial or retail premises, with loans structured up to 15 years on a principle and interest basis.

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