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Participation of the Agricultural University of Athens in the 40th Authentic Athens Classic Marathon.

The Agricultural University of Athens has taken part in the 40th Authentic Athens Classic Marathon with the team of runners of the "AUA Running Team", composed of 131 people. Both on Saturday November 11 2023 and Sunday November 12 2023, the runners participated across all the running laps of races, namely, the Marathon running race, the OPAP running laps of 5 and 10 km races respectively, as well as the Universities 10km Night Run, throughout that unique athletic action.

This year marks 40 years of the Authentic Athens Classic Marathon, which forms an integral part of the cultural heritage of Greece, as long as every year athletes and runners flock from all over the globe, in order to take part in that universal sporting event. Along these lines, the Agricultural University of Athens has made its presence felt, by means of its gathering a large group, in honour of the forty (40) years of the institution.

The Rectorate Authorities have as always, honored by their presence the team of runners of the "AUA Running Team", in particular, the Vice Rector for the European University, Internationalization and Student Affairs, Ms. Helen Miliou, Professor, the Vice Rector for Research, Finance and Development, Mr. Thomas Bartzanas, Professor and the former Vice Rector, Mr. Nikolaos Dercas, Professor. In this year's organisation, mainly students of the Agricultural University of Athens have participated, which lays sound foundations for an even greater engagement of young people in future. In addition, Faculty Staff of the University, together with personnel from the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague in the Czech Republic, have joined in these running races, wherein the University in Czechia had been invited under the framework of an academic collaboration. Furthermore, the "AUA Running Team" has become known through social networks all

over Greece, offering the opportunity for participation to graduates from various regions in Greece for the first time this year.

The Physical Education Teacher, Ms. Polyxeni Tsaliagkou, a founding member of the "AUA Running" Team, had been once more in charge of organizing and coordinating the AUA participation into the 40th Authentic Athens Classic Marathon. Moreover, Professor, Mr. Dionysios Kalivas and the Assistant Professor, Mr. Konstantinos Soulis, being also leading members of the "AUA Running Team", have performed a dynamic participation across the running lap of a 5 km race and the Marathon Running Race, respectively.

On top of that, the team of runners of the "AUA Running Team" of the Agricultural University of Athens, by taking part in the 40th Authentic Athens Classic Marathon, proves once again that an increasing number of the Academic Community Members have been expressing an interest in taking part in sport events. As a result, all the participants are offered the opportunity of getting to know each other, under conditions outside the daily work environment, inasmuch fostering their ties, while of course belonging to the big family of the Agricultural University of Athens. The team called "AUA Running Team" will continue the arrangement of its actions, thus inviting the Academic Community as a whole, to get involved in such actions.

The photos of the event are published on the following link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/QCznN8CiR2qKovUA8> .