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## Gruevski visit a concern

Ambassador of Greece in Australia is committed to revitalising Classical Studies and believes Gruevski's visit will not shift Australia's position on FYROM.

ALEXANDRA LOGOTHETIS

THE new Ambassador of Greece in Australia was calm when regarding the impending visit of former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's (FYROM) Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski, which is expected to take place at the end of October.

In his first extensive interview in a Greek Australian newspaper, the Greek Ambassador Alexis Christopoulos revealed that in meetings he had with Australian diplomats it was made clear that there is no shift in Australia's position in reference to the naming issue.

"I have remained steadfast in the most unequivocal way that Australia's policy on the matter will not change," Mr Christopoulos assured News Kampus English Edition, (NKEE).

However he was quick to add that regardless of these assurances "we should remain vigilant" because experienced teachers that "only a few hours of the six-month hour are not sufficient".

Australia officially recognises Greece's neighbouring country with the United Nations (UN) membership of former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM). This recognition stands, until the two countries agree on a mutually accepted solution.

Greece and FYROM are currently in negotiations to dry the name of the UN to resolve the long-standing name dispute. Greece is refusing to accept the name "Republic of Macedonia" which the neighbouring country has adopted in its constitution.

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## The Apprentice's wizard

Mark Bouris, the host of The Apprentice Australia, is focused on family, health and leading 'the good life'.



The Apprentice Australia host, Mark Bouris. The ex-founder and chair of Wizard Home Loans started out with five staff in 1996 and sold the company for over \$400million in 2004. PHOTO: AAP IMAGE/MICK TIRIAS

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Presentation to the Governor-General of Letters of Credence by Mr Alexis G. Christopoulos, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic. PHOTO: ANDREW TAYLOR/EUREKAMEDIA.

## Employers discriminate against international students

CATHERINE KLADAKIS

WE MAY be a multicultural society but the ability to assimilate into the Australian way of living remains an integral quality that employers are seeking in prospective employees, according to a new study.

The Melbourne University investigation, headed by senior education lecturer Dr Sophie

Arkoudis was commissioned for the Federal Government to compare the job prospects of international university students and local students.

Dr Arkoudis says that international university graduates are struggling to find a job because they often don't have the social and language skills to fit into the Australian workplace.

"If students can't speak the language, they are out of the

market," said Dr Arkoudis. "However if they do speak the language, then what employers and what students are telling us becomes important is if the student has completed work experience, how well rounded they are in terms of their social skills and personality, and how they fit into the workplace," she said.

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Research by Dr Sophie Arkoudis from Melbourne University reveals international students experience difficulties in the labour market.

# Simple values great rewards

Theo Maras and Spiro Alysandratos reflect on the core values that drive them as industry leaders

Fotis Kapetopoulos

THE over used and clichéd phrase 'migrant success story' does apply to many Greek Australians.

Greeks continue the ancient tradition of being excellent conduits of trade, ideas, goods and services. For many their success is based on certain core values and philosophies; family enterprise and a sense of place.

Theo Maras AM the founding Chairman of the Maras Group in Adelaide, is a strong believer in humility and civic duty "I made it clear to my children that respect for all people, a sense of humility and social equity are essential."

"Steve, [son], is in a managing director, and Joanne [daughter] is in human resources, Anthony [son] took his own path." Anthony Maras is a filmmaker and AFI award winner for his film, *Spiked*.

"They are adults in their own right, with purpose and a respect for all people" reflects Maras.

He talks philosophically about the importance of social progress, humanity, culture and the arts. Maras began as a "young architect with only a second-hand triangle and a ruler" when he quickly realised that he did not want to work for someone else.

"I wanted to do many things and for that I wanted to build a capital base underneath me."

Maras is a philanthropist and active on the heritage council boards, a range of urban planning and cultural organisations as well as in the Greek community. He was the former President of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia for three years.

No amount of "backslapping" could convince him to stay any longer at the helm of the Community, "I said, I am doing three years, to achieve certain outcomes, I am firm believer in succession."

Spiro Alysandratos, the



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