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The Greek Economy and The Challenges and Endeavors in The Bilateral Greek-US Economic Relations

On Sunday, February 9, 2020, Hellenic Link–Midwest presents Dimitris Petropoulos—Head, Economic and Commercial Office, Greek Consulate in Chicago—on a lecture titled "*The Greek Economy and the Challenges and Endeavors in the Bilateral Greek-US Economic Relations*". The event will take place at 3:00 pm in Room 1610, at the Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road. Admission will be free.

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Dimitris Petropoulos will present a picture of the characteristics of the Greek economy as well as a history of its development in the 20th century. There will be particular coverage of the euro sovereign crisis to enable a Greek American audience to understand the architecture and dynamics of the European monetary union and the reasons behind the imbalances that led to the problems of Greece within the Eurozone.

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He will discuss the external trade potential of the economy, its strong export sectors and investment opportunities.

Then, he will cover the history of Greek economic relations, the role of the Greek American diaspora in helping the development of the country, and the current bilateral economic and trade reality.

Dimitris Petropoulos graduated with an honors law degree from the University of Thrace and holds an Executive MBA degree from the Athens University of Economics and Business. He was also an Erasmus scholar of the European Union at the University of Essex where he studied English and European Law. After his military service and legal practice in his hometown for 5 years he entered the National School of Public Administration, Greece's school for top public servants in 2000. After his graduation from the Commercial Attaché class he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and worked initially in the Humanitarian Aid Division. He subsequently served as commissioner in the Greek Embassies in Bucharest, Romania, Berlin, Germany, and Kiev, Ukraine. Between 2011 and 2014 he served in Athens in the Business Development Division. In January 2014 he was assigned on a special mission to Kuwait in preparation for a Greek business mission visiting the country that same month. Currently he serves as Head of the Economic & Commercial Office of the Greek Consulate General in Chicago.