

## **Yannis Paleocrassas**

### **Economist**

Yannis Paleocrassas was born in Athens in 1934. He is a graduate of the London School of Economics and Political Science, holding a Bachelor of Science (Econ.) and a Master of Science (Econ.) degree.

He started his career in 1960 at the Ministry of Coordination in Athens, rising to Head of Section on long-term planning in 1963. For the next five years he worked with Doxiadis Associates, Consultants in development and economics, in various countries ending as Head of their Detroit Office. Between 1968 and in 1970 he worked as General Manager of Windward Shipping Ltd In London. He then returned to Greece where he worked for four years in tourist and real estate development.

In 1974 he went into banking, initially as Assistant Vice President of American Express International Banking Corporation in London and Athens and then, was among the founders of Ergobank S.A. in Athens and General Manager in charge of credit and international banking.

In 1977, he went into politics with the late Constantine Karamanlis rising by 1980 to Minister of Coordination (National Economy). Four times member of Parliament for the constituency of Cyclades, he served again in 1990-92 as Minister of Finance in the Mitsotakis government to be appointed Member of the European Commission for the Environment and Fisheries, under Jacques Delors.

In the years 1995-2004, he was a visiting fellow at Brasenose College, Oxford, Chairman of AMBIO Ltd Environmental Management Consultants in London, SPECTRUM Investment Services S.A. Athens and IDRYMA TYPOU S.A. a publisher of an Athens daily paper.

In 2004 he was elected once more a member of Parliament for the Cyclades constituency and he was then appointed Chairman of the Board of Public Power Corporation, a post which he resigned in December 2005.

He is currently Chairman of the Lilian Voudouris Foundation, Vice Chairman of ELLINIKI ETAIRIA (Society for the environment and cultural heritage).