

**Nikos Daskalantonakis commended by President of
the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin**



Grecotel Group President mr. Nikos Daskalantonakis was commended with the **Order of Friendship** in Moscow **by the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin**. The official ceremony took place in the Kremlin on November 4th 2019, on the **Day of National Unity**.

This important distinction is a recognition of the long-standing contribution of mr. Nikos Daskalantonakis - as an **honorary Consul of Crete and the Dodecanese and also as an entrepreneur in the tourism industry, in promoting relations between Greece and Russia and the spread of the Russian culture**.

Just a handful of Greeks have been awarded this title and mr. Daskalantonakis was the only representative from Greece among the international personalities present at the ceremony.

After thanking the Russian President for this award of the "highest honor", mr. Nikos Daskalantonakis stated that "This recognition reflects the fruitfulness of our joint efforts at all levels to strengthen the relations between the two countries".

He added that "as a person and tourism businessman who welcomes thousands of Russian tourists to Grecotel hotels every year, I see it as a goal to **support and continue the economic and sincere cooperation between Russia and Greece through authentic hospitality**, while at the same time strengthening the inalienable bonds between the two cultures".

At the end of his brief speech, with his warm hospitable spirit, mr. Nikos Daskalantonakis invited mr.Vladimir Putin to Greece.

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