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FROM
CYPRUS



GREECE

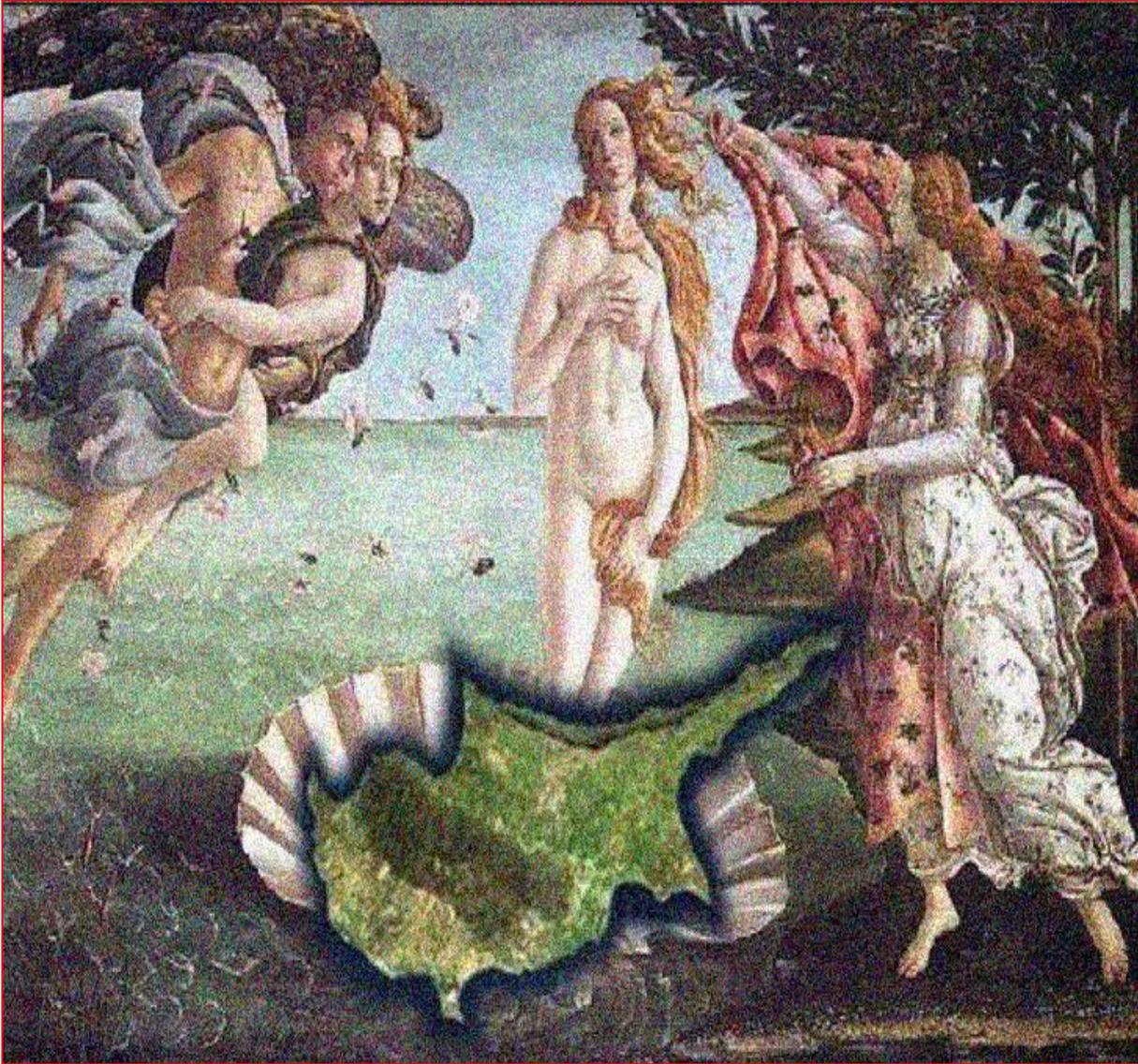
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Cyprus is the largest island in the east Mediterranean and is situated east of Greece.

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According to the legend, Cyprus is the birthplace of the goddess of love Aphrodite.

Aphrodite was born within the foam of the sea waves and can actually be compared with the geological birth of Cyprus which after years of lurking below sea has finally surfaced.



Troodos mountain first rose from the sea and then the rest of the island followed.

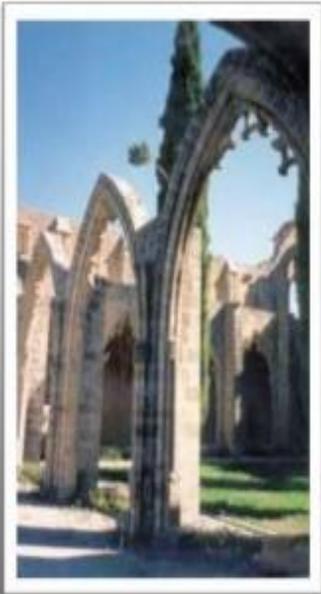




Limassol castle
(FRANKISH)

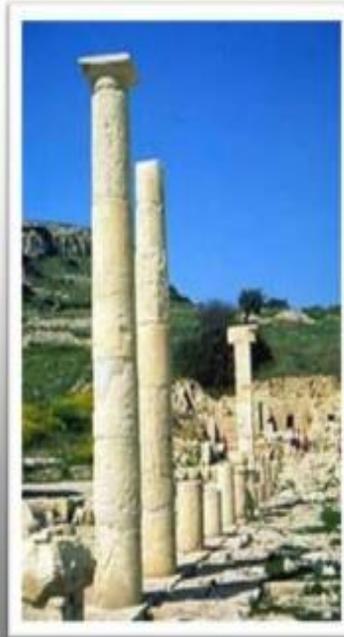


Curium (GREEK-ROMAN)



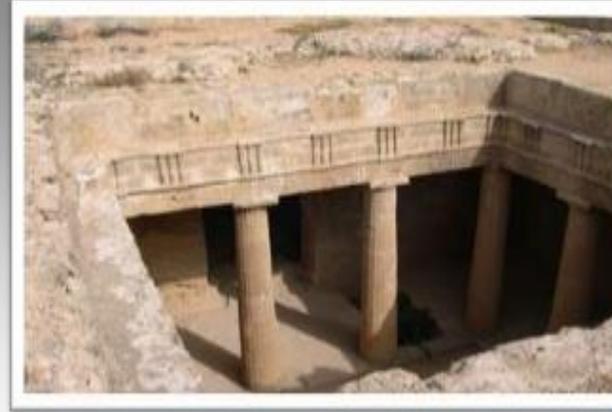
Bellapais
(FRANKISH)

Salamis
(ROMAN)



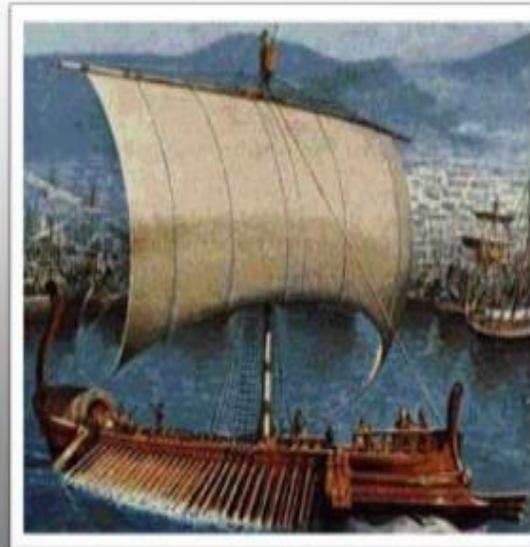
Our small island has long been a crossing point between Europe, Asia and Africa which resulted in the island having been influenced by Greek, Roman, Byzantine and British cultures.

Cyprus
geographical
position and
natural resources
have always
made it a target
for conquerors.



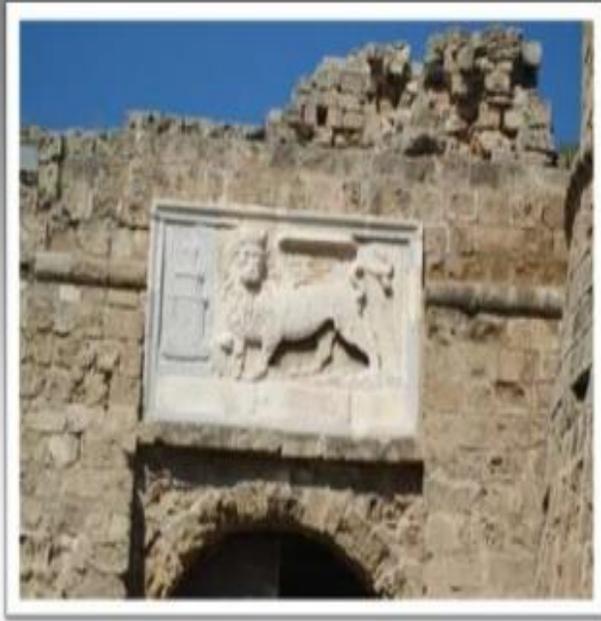
Tomb of the kings
in Paphos (GREEK)

Kyrenia Ship
(PHOENICIANS)



Castle in Paphos
(FRANKISH)





VENETIAN WALLS



HALAN SULTAN TEKKE
(OTTOMAN)



OTTOMAN

Visiting Cyprus, you come across a big number of implusive momuments that reveal the traces of Phoenicians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians, Romans, Arabs, the Frankish dynasty of the Lusignans, the Venetians, Ottoman Turks and the British all conquered Cyprus in turn.

Population : 800.000

80% Greek Cypriots

11% Turkish Cypriots

9% foreigners residing in Cyprus



Cyprus estimated population is 800000 of which 80 percent are Greek Cypriots, 11 percent are Turkish Cypriots and 9 percent are foreigners residing Cyprus. Greek and Turkish are the official languages of Cyprus but English is widely spoken and understood.

Treaty of Establishment
of the Republic of
Cyprus, 16 August 1960



In 1925 Cyprus became a Crown Colony of the UK. After the 1955-1959 liberation movement, Cyprus was declared in August 1960 an independent Republic with archbishop Makarios being the first president.



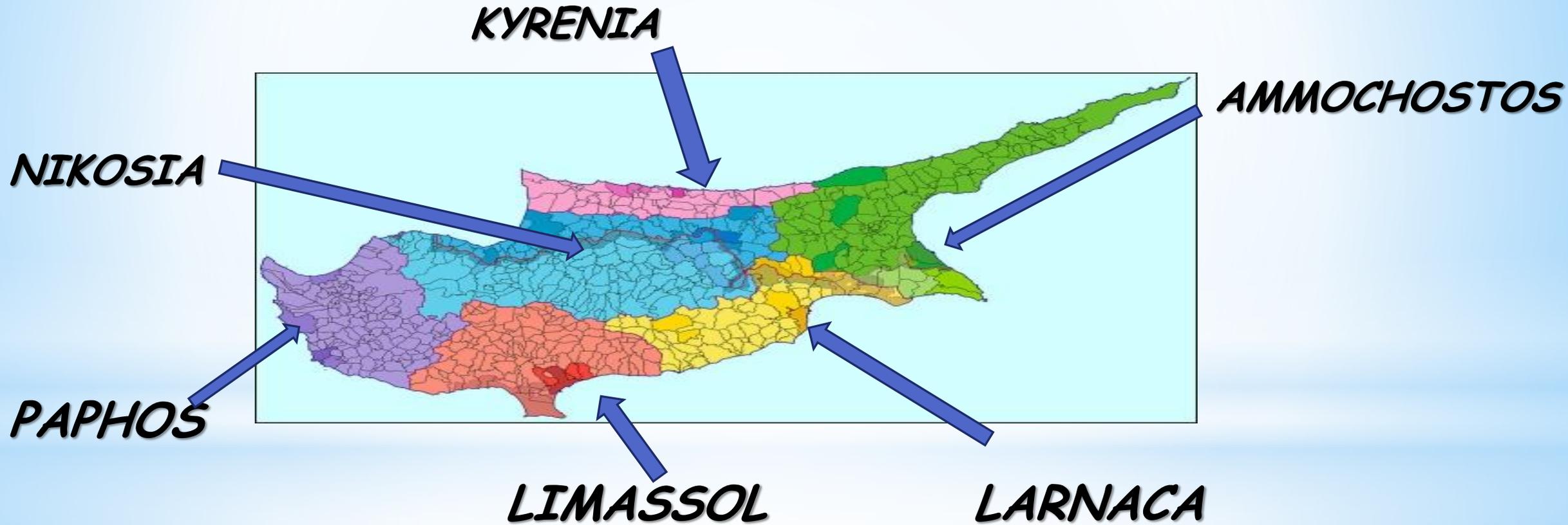
In July 1974, Turkey invaded the northern part of the island and since then Cyprus is the only occupied and divided country in Europe.



The Green Line

Unfortunately Nicosia remains the only divided European capital as imaginary green line divides the city in two, Turkish and Greek area.

OUR CITIES

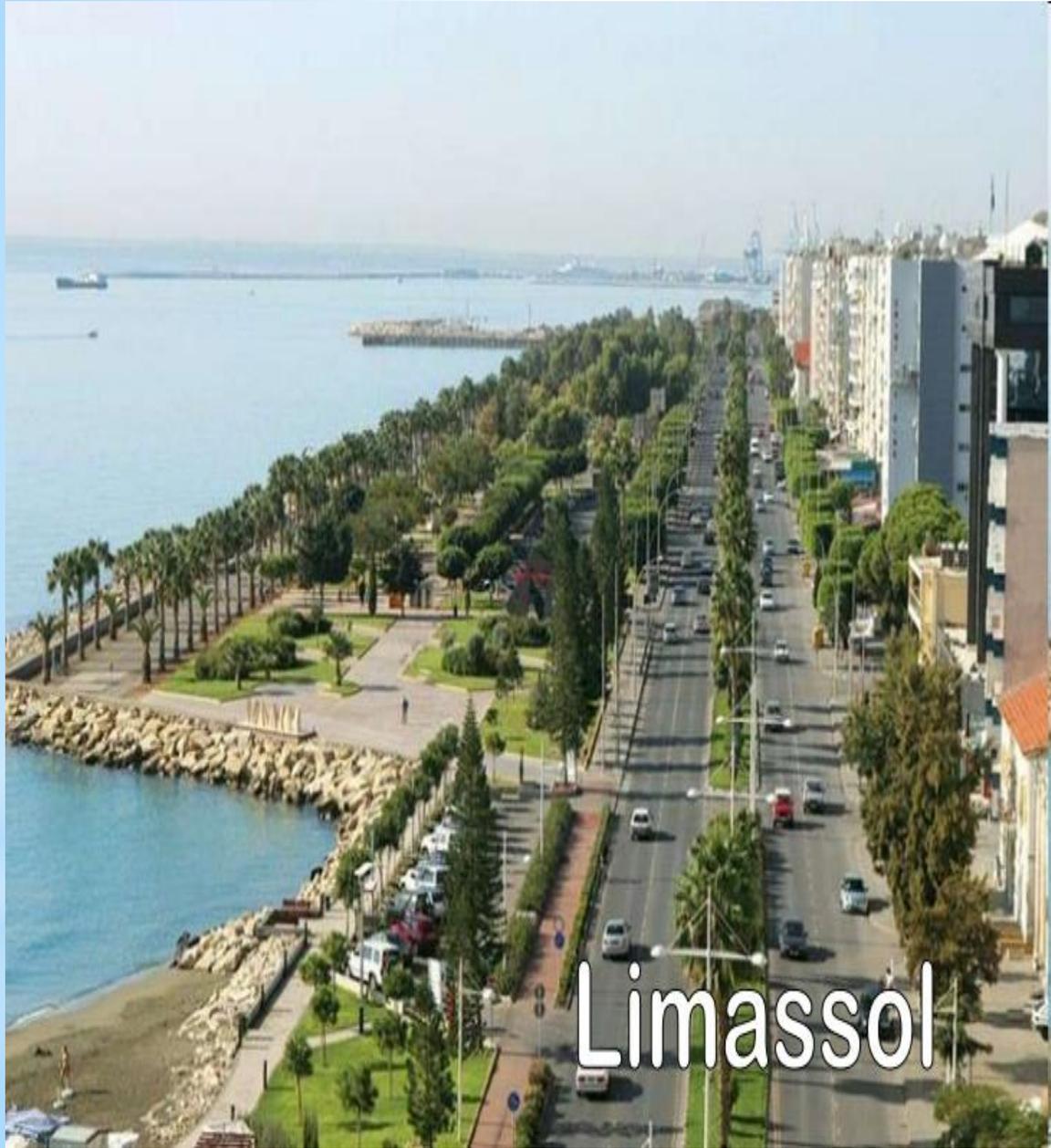


Nicosia

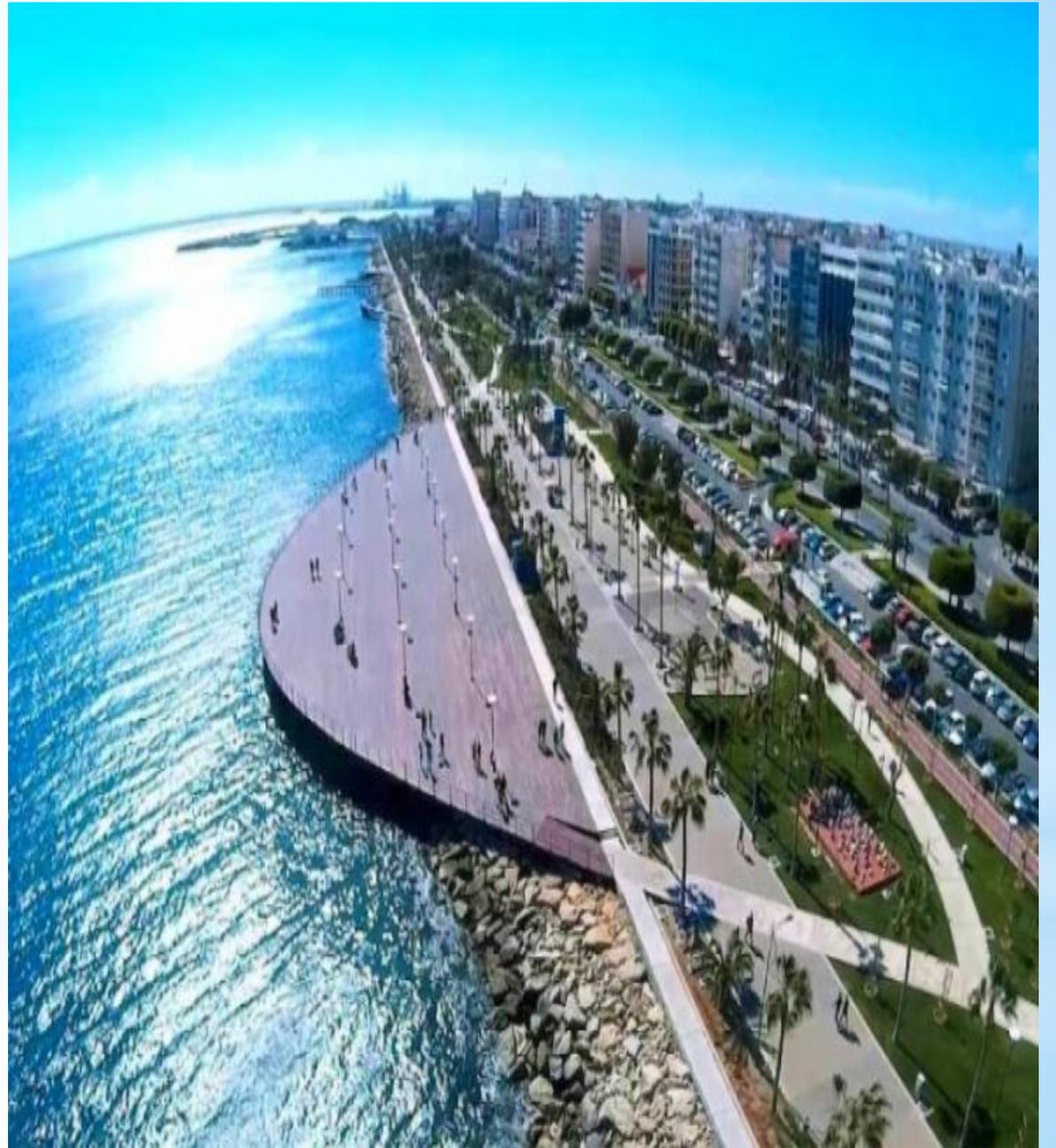
Population: Over 300,000 people



Cyprus main cities are Nicosia the capital, Limassol, Paphos, Kyrenia and Ammochostos which both have been under Turkish occupation since 1974, and Larnaca our city!



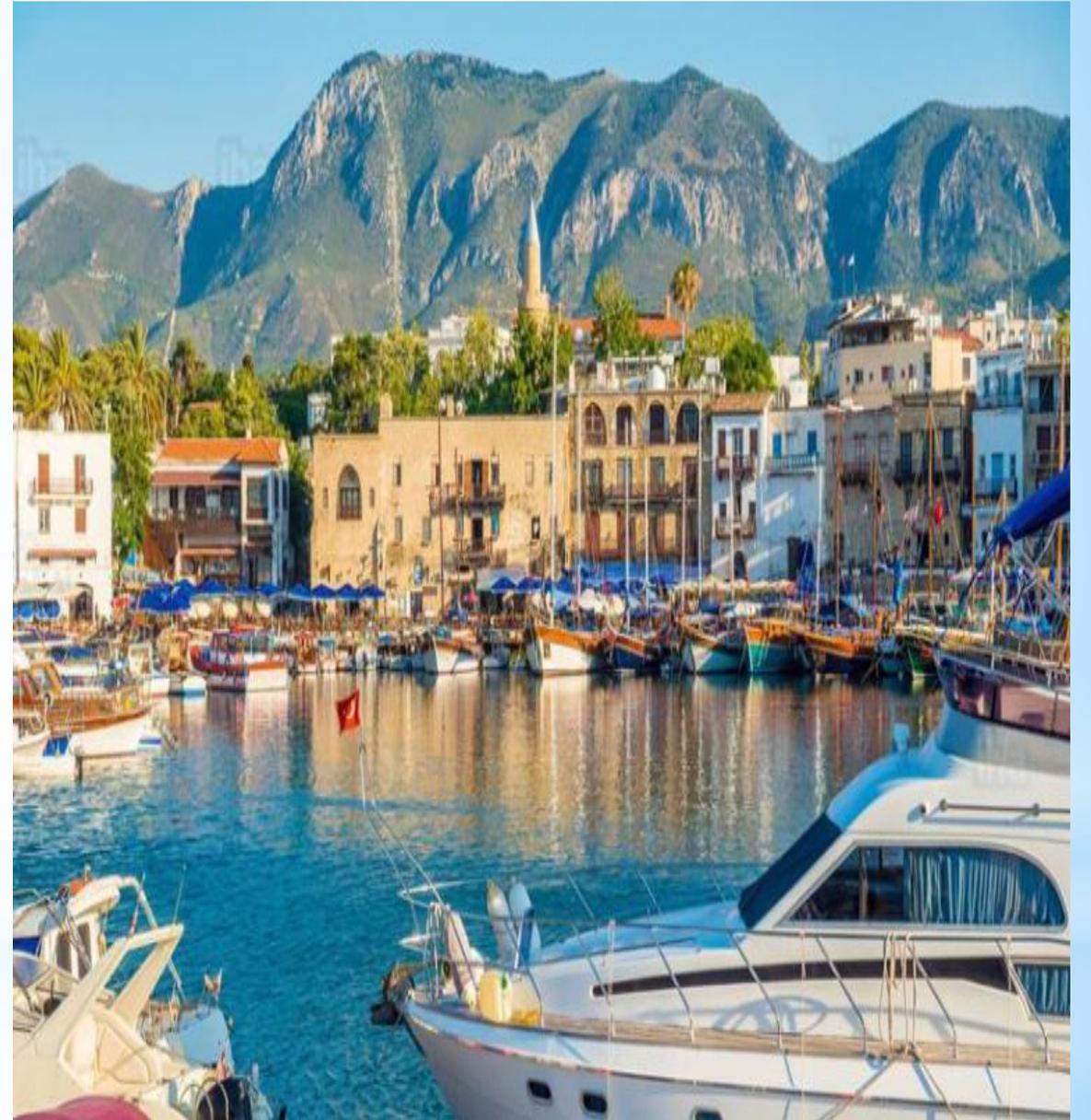
Limassol



* Paphos

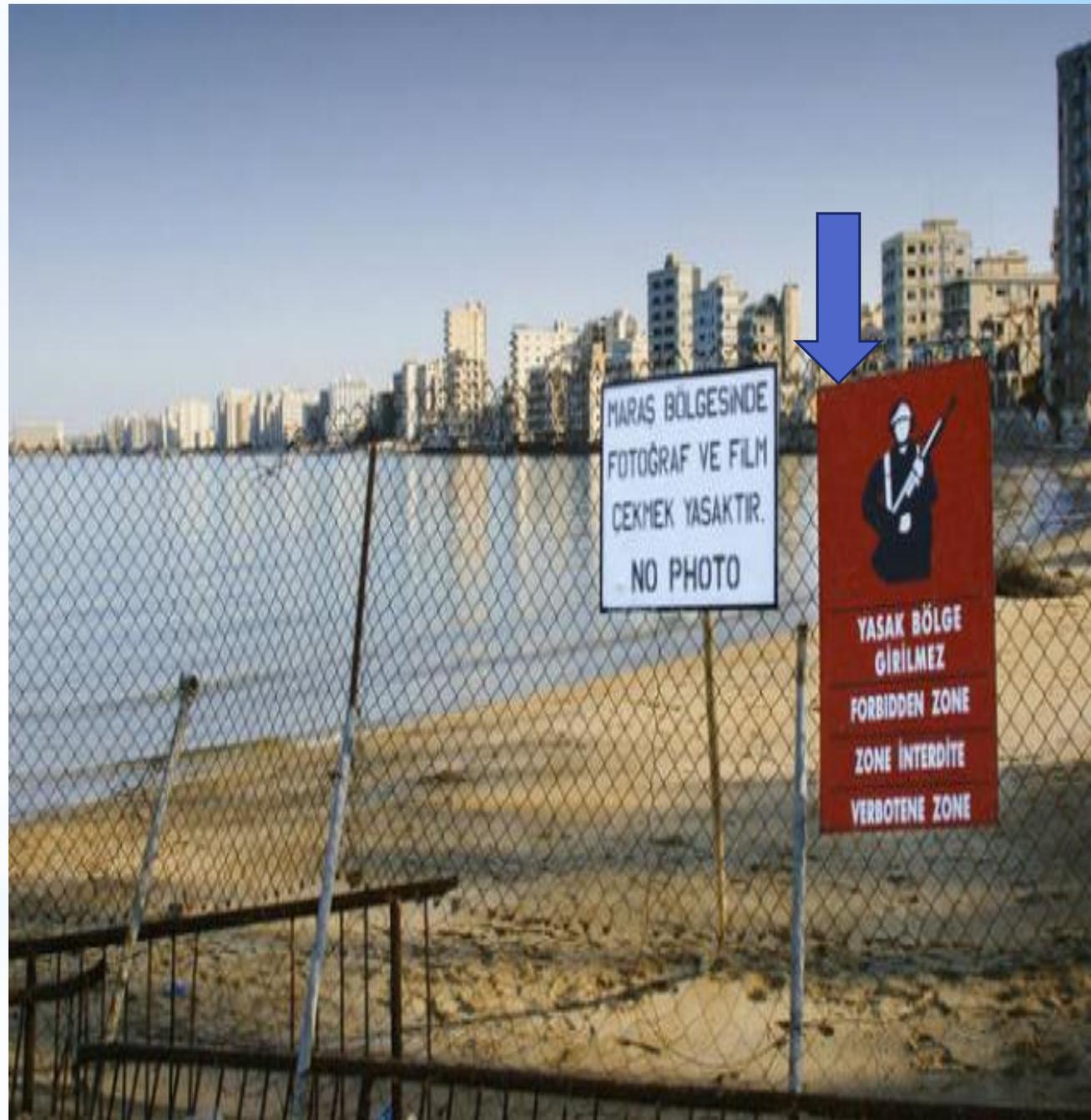


Kyrenia

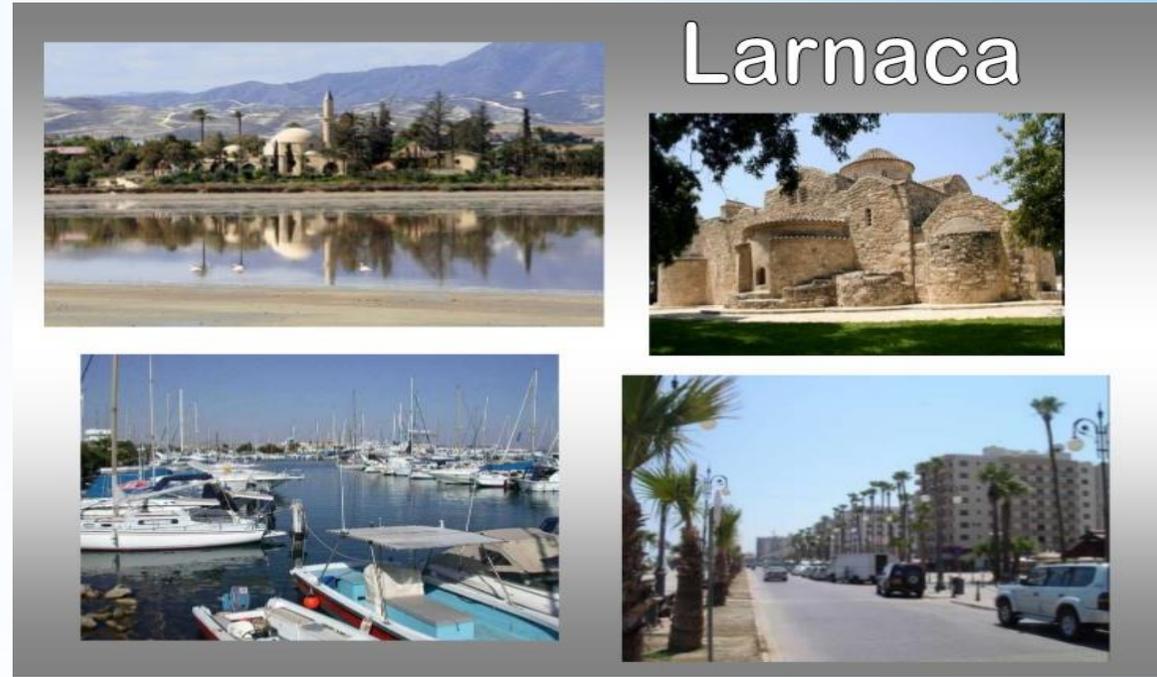




Famagusta Ammochoostos



Larnaka or in antiquity Kition or the city of the ancient philosopher Zenon, is a beautiful, picturesque town on the southeastern coast of Cyprus. It has many natural beauties and many cultural monuments from ancient times until today. The unique palm-tree seafront with its crystal clear sea, the natural lake of 'Aliko' (Salt Lake) in combination with its enormous cultural heritage make it unique. Its many historical monuments, such as the ruins of the ancient city with its harbor, the Medieval Castle, the famous Saint Lazarus church makes Larnaca worth visiting !!!!!!!



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Gymnasium Petraki Kyprianou is situated in Larnaca, which is the third biggest town in Cyprus, with about 100.000 inhabitants. Our school has started relatively recently (more specifically 8 years ago). It consists of 413 students and 57 teachers. Our pupils' ages are from 12 to 15 years old. From the total number of students, 20% come from foreign countries (mostly Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Middle East, Italy, Poland and Russia). Furthermore, an additional 20% are students, whom one of their parents has a non-Cypriot nationality. The Cypriots, who attend to our school, come mostly from refugees families. As you probably well know, our country has been divided, since the Turkish invasion in 1974. This means that the economic background of our students is significantly low.



Because of the aforementioned concerns, our school is attending several programs organized mostly by the Ministry of education, whose goal is to encourage students' learning and to make them feel as part of the school's environment and help with their integration.

Since its very first year, our school participated in "Eco-schools", a project with the goal of sensitizing our students in environmental matters.





It's also worth mentioning the fact that volunteerism is very important to our school and we try to embrace it through different kinds of actions and activities. For example with the help of Red Cross, other organizations and the parents of our students, we organize bazaars and other activities. The money we earn is used to provide our pupils in need, with breakfast, stationary, clothing and a monthly parcel with the necessary food.



We are glad to notice a big participation in local and international competitions from our pupils with great success.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Gymnasium Petraki Kyprianou

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