

## EDON wishes everyone a good academic year!

**T**he new academic year has begun, as have the dreams of thousands of students. Filled with energy from the summer vacations, ready to conquer their future.

On the other hand, the new ways of admission to the Public Universities, with the international exams, are against us, since they create two categories of students. That is, those who gain a place through the Pancyprian Exams and those who have the ability to pass with international exams.

However, the problems were not lacking this year either. In secondary and tertiary education, omissions and deficiencies were rampant. Delayed transfers of teachers and unsuitable school spaces are some of the many.



On the one hand, the four-month exams, which turn schools into test centers, are being implemented this year, despite the disagreement from the various organized groups of students and teachers. The pursuit of covering the assigned material begins early this year, once again leaving aside the students' all-round education and the need to seek out each person's personality, looking for the essence of learning.

We continue to support a unified way of admitting students to the Public Universities, accessible to all.

Regarding the high rent rates for students in Nicosia and Limassol, after many years of struggle from the PROGRESSIVE SF. we saw the Rector of the

University of Cyprus announcing the construction of 700 dorms in the first phase and later on. A key position of the Popular Movement, which has been claimed for many years, since the exploitation of students in this field is obvious.

EDON continues on the road for public education to be truly free for all. We invite all students to claim what we deserve and make the dealings of education our own.

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# The developments in the Cyprus problem and the exit from the deadlock



**M**ore than two years have passed after we reached a step before reaching a mutually acceptable solution at Crans Montana on the basis of the UN Secretary-General's assessment and consequent collapse of the effort, the conditions for resuming talks have not yet been found. The new failure to reopen negotiations on the Cyprus issue has already sowed deep frustration and anxiety among those who are fighting for freedom and reunification over the future of Cyprus.

All eyes are now on both the UN assembly and the separate bilateral meetings to be held in late September between

the UN Secretary-General and the leaders of the two communities. Mrs Lut will brief the UN Secretary-General on developments on the island and in the light of bilateral meetings it will be decided whether the conditions for a trilateral meeting in New York will be met.

At the same time, the occupation force through the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Cavusoglu, announced the opening of a Turkish consulate in occupied Famagusta. For our part, this is undermining the effort to restart the talks. In our view, the conclusion in terms of reference should not be a difficult task, since the 2014 Joint Declaration, convergences up to Crans Montana and the Guterres Frame provide what is needed to move on to the next phase.

Only the liberation and reunification of Cyprus and our people can hinder the new practices promoted by the occupying power. The only way to achieve this goal is to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

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# The biggest scandal remains unanswered

In mid-August, the international organization OCCRP (International Observatory on Organized Crime and Corruption) issues a statement stating:

“According to the bank records (of Ukio Bankas), the law firm (Nikos Chr. Anastasiadis’s law firm) was executing complex deals that transferred Russian money from and to companies - showcases that were created or affiliated with the company.”

One month later, it is difficult for the President and his law firm to provide substantiated explanations for these publications. Instead, they preferred the trampled path, the blocking of complaints and the blurring of events. In this particular case, however, Plan A did not come out, so they turned it into unreliable publication and anti-AKELISM. It is no different that the Pres-

ident and DISY respond to anything other than those alleged by President Anastasiadis and his Law Firm he founded and co-owned until February 2013 and his two daughters are now the two shareholders.

We wonder: Doesn't the first citizen of this country feel the responsibility to speak in person and to be held accountable by the citizens? What are the consequences of the international establishment of the institution, but at the same time of our country, for him?

As EDON, we are reaffirmed that the Anastasiadis-DISY Government in its actions proves that its only concern and purpose is in the interest of the few and not of the many. Those who have filled the cities with towers, for those who sell gold passports, for the ecclesiastical power that arrogantly and egotistically intervene in the environment and antiquities. This is the actual erosion we have a duty to fight against. The erosion of political ethics and the rule of law. The erosion and degeneration of institutions to serve interests.



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# The fires of capitalism want to profit from the scorches

The capitalist system is constantly looking for new ways in which many will lose everything, and few will become even richer. In the face of this never-ending passion for raising capital profitability, the environment does not remain untouched.

In recent years, constant warnings of global warming have not bothered the large states, such as the US, with Trump have defied all dangers and warning, which is putting humanity in a worse position.

Last summer the fires that hit Siberia, but mainly the largest green lung in the Amazon, showed us again (in the worst way) that profit is capable of causing a huge scale ecological disaster.

In this tragic “game”, the leading role is played by Brazilian far-right president Jair Bolsonaro, who is also one of the leaders who has challenged climate change and said he wants the Amazon to open up to both agriculture and mining. Bolsonaro is blaming the indigenous people saying that they retain much of the land that should be exploited. In fact, he also blamed environmental NGOs for their recent firefighting efforts, saying: “let them look at their jobs”.

Protecting our ecosystem is not only a human need to maintain its natural environment, but also an effort to maintain the balance of the natural space that will not erupt after chain-related side effects with intense physical effects on humans.

Every fire, every extraction of the earth, every attempt to alter our natural space, concerns us. Whether inside or outside our field. Environmental awareness, which goes through the overturning causes of ecological disaster, will have a direct impact on our generation and on future generations.

