



CARDET HONOURS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH LAPTOP DONATIONS IN INCLUDE-CE PROJECT LAUNCH AT CASA COLLEGE

On October 24, 2024, CARDET launched the INCLUDE-CE Project at Casa College, introducing a unique initiative focused on boosting digital literacy and employability for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and ethnic minorities. A key event highlight was that CARDET rewarded ten exceptional Casa College and Kasa High School students for their academic excellence, active participation, and dedication to their studies. Each student was awarded a laptop, enabling them to engage in digital training modules and enhance their skills.

This EU-funded project, co-led by CARDET trainers Ms. Michaela Protopapa and Mr. Christos Procopiou, goes beyond skill-building to emphasise social inclusion and sustainability. By repurposing laptops for educational use, CARDET demonstrates its commitment to environmental responsibility while helping bridge the digital divide for students. Through additional resources like an e-learning platform, INCLUDE-CE equips students with vital digital tools for future success.

KASA HIGH SCHOOL AND CASA COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIWALI

Casa College and Kasa High School celebrated Diwali on October 31, bringing together students, faculty, and staff for an evening filled with tradition, unity, and cultural exchange. The night began with a traditional pooja and forehead markings, symbolising blessings and the victory of light over darkness. For many, it was a first-time experience, offering insight into the traditions of Diwali and the values it upholds.

A highlight of the evening was the rangoli competition, where students showcased colourful designs using powdered pigments and diya. This memorable event, thoughtfully organised by Casa College and Kasa High School, fostered a sense of togetherness, allowing everyone to share, learn, and appreciate the beauty of cultural diversity.





CASA COLLEGE *and* KASA HIGH SCHOOL EXPAND THEIR REACH IN THE PHILIPPINES

In October 2024, Mr. Yiannis Saveriades, President of Casa College & Kasa High School, returned to the Philippines for a three-week outreach mission to broaden the institution's presence and support to Filipino students. His visit culminated in a meet-and-greet event held on October 19 at Park Triangle Corporate Plaza, Bonifacio Global City (BGC). Accompanied by best-selling author and special school associate Mr. Evagourou, Mr. Saveriades connected with prospective students, offering insights into the admissions process, scholarship opportunities, and available programmes.

During his visit, Mr. Saveriades also focused on establishing partnerships with local educational institutions, reinforcing the school's commitment to supporting the Filipino community. This outreach highlights the school's dedication to making international education more accessible, fostering academic growth and promoting cultural exchange in the Philippines.



HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA VISITS CASA COLLEGE AND KASA HIGH SCHOOL

On 4 November 2024, Casa College and Kasa High School had the honour of hosting representatives from the High Commission of India. Mr. Subhash Jangala, First Secretary, and Mr. Jatin, Consular Officer, met with our President, Managing Director, and other key officials to discuss enhancing educational collaborations with colleges and universities. During the meeting, we highlighted our range of academic programmes and cultural engagement with the Indian community.

Following the discussion, our guests toured the campus and met with Indian students in Room 101 at our Zan Moreas campus. Gobind, Apoorva, and Davinder shared their experiences and feedback as international students, expressing how Casa College consistently supports each student—from academics to internship opportunities. This inspiring exchange strengthens our commitment to global connections and inclusivity.



CRUISE SHIP HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS STUDENTS DIVE *into the* GREEN TRANSITION IN CRUISE TOURISM

Casa College students in the Cruise Ship Hospitality Operations programme recently participated in the “ECO-CRUISE TOUR” workshop, a two-day interactive event focused on advancing sustainable practices in cruise tourism. Hosted by the Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute, the workshop highlighted the industry’s pressing need to adopt eco-friendly practices, especially post-COVID-19. Students engaged in modules covering Sustainable Development Goals, EU policies on sustainability, and practical environmental and social sustainability challenges, all aimed at preparing them to address industry-wide challenges through innovative solutions.

The workshop combined case studies, WebQuests, and Kahoot! Game and assignments to equip students with hands-on experience in green skills essential to the Blue Economy. Upon completing the course and required evaluations, students earned a Certificate of Participation, marking their readiness to contribute to the cruise industry’s green transition.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 1 - DIWALI (CONTINUATION)
- NOVEMBER 3 - ONE HEALTH DAY
- NOVEMBER 10 - INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING DAY
- NOVEMBER 22 - SINGLES DAY
- NOVEMBER 19 to 23 - REVISIONS WEEK
- NOVEMBER 25 to 31 - MIDTERM EXAMS
- NOVEMBER 26 - WORLD SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT DAY

OUR STUDENTS' VOICES

FEATURING THE TALENTS AND IDEAS OF OUR STUDENTS

ISAAC'S VIEW: WHERE HISTORY MEETS THE SEA

ISAAC CUABRA

Sitting at a distance, I watch the mesmerizing Mediterranean waves crash gently against the walls of Paphos Castle. The warm glow of the golden hour sunlight washes over the scene, making the castle even more breathtaking. It feels like the stones are alive, carrying the weight of centuries of history—silent, yet full of stories about battles, resilience, and survival. Standing tall against the backdrop of time, the castle remains a steadfast guardian of the harbor. I capture this moment not just for its beauty but for what it represents: endurance, strength, and the quiet power of history watching over the present.



MY FIRST DAYS IN CYPRUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

REINMARK JAYCEE CABALBAG

As a new international student at Casa College, I arrived in Cyprus in the second week of October, full of anticipation and curiosity. From the moment I landed, the journey has been both welcoming and transformative. The immigration officer greeted me with a kind smile, making the entry feel less procedural and more like an invitation. After that, the school staff offered a warm welcome. It was a gentle beginning—a small reassurance that maybe, just maybe, this new place might feel like home. Even before coming here, I knew that this journey was not just about exploring a new place but also about uncovering parts of myself I have yet to discover. As a Filipino international student, I was also eager and ready to embark on a new academic journey, make new connections, and immerse myself in Cypriot culture.

Teachers advised new students like me to remain open-minded and actively engage with the campus community and the local culture. Current and former students told us to build a support network, explore the island, and exercise patience during the adjustment period. Fortunately, I am not facing the transition alone. My mom, working here in Cyprus, has made adjusting much more manageable. While the distance from home can sometimes feel heavy, especially with friends and loved ones far away, I have found comfort in the small, meaningful connections I am beginning to form. I face no language barrier, as we use English in school and day-to-day transactions and interactions. I have also developed an interest in learning Greek, the country's national language since I discovered that many English words and terms we use have Greek roots - I have always found etymology fascinating. Moreover, the weather at this time of the year is not entirely foreign, as I spent my senior high school years in the cold highland city of Baguio, Philippines. Still, as winter approaches, I am beginning to feel the chill in a way I had not expected.



As I continue this journey, I always remind myself of my guiding philosophy: 'I am the one at sail; I am the master of my sea.' While in constant motion, I sometimes need to reroute, and on these new paths, I may encounter big waves or enter unfamiliar territories. It is okay to be shaken. I shall always float back every time I struggle and sway—I shall not sink. I need to learn to ride the tides of life, sail forward, and courageously face the challenges and discoveries that come with each new horizon. With each day, I'm learning to embrace the unexpected and find my place in this new world. I know that every experience here will help shape me into a stronger, more resilient person, ready for whatever awaits beyond the horizon.