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## **Message from the President of the Thessaloniki Association "The White Tower"**

1984-2007 marks twenty-three years of a sister-city relationship of two important cities. Two cities that however far from the other they may be, they make the heart and mind of their people stay always close to them. Two cities that make us feel proud. The first is Thessaloniki, which we come from, and is a city so historical that has created for the world impressive people in arts, in letters and in culture. Thessaloniki's history of many centuries, its beauty, and glory maintain a dormant reverberation in our hearts. The city grants us parts of its accomplishments, even if it is from thousands of kilometres away.

Let our mission as participants in their progressional presence shine. We attempt to bring these two cities closer as possible with our annual celebrations and to make everyone understand that we exist and that we can promote Greek culture and history of thousands of years even though we are so far away.

The second, Melbourne, accepted us, embraced us, and never prevented us from promoting our history and our culture. We are proud because we were also capable of offering so much to the city; to teach our children about our country of origin and to make them feel proud.

This year, following the visit to Thessaloniki by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Mr John So, we shall have the great honour and pleasure to have with us the Mayor of Thessaloniki, Mr Vasilios Papageorgopoulos and his wife and other officials from the City of Thessaloniki. I would like to welcome them and request the attendance of all members to honour all of our festivities with their presence.

Let us perpetuate our ancestors' vision and render our better self for the two cities that we love.

The President

**Paul Mavroudis**