

**MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR TO GREECE MR GEORGIOS ZOIS
ON THE 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP OF THESSALONIKI
AND MELBOURNE**

The 23 year sister-city relationship between the cities of Thessaloniki and Melbourne, undoubtedly constitute the most palpable testimony of the profound blood ties that bind two of the most important homes to Hellenism, inside and outside the borders of the Mother Country. Today, more than ever, it is important for these ties to render the salutation for the strengthening of historical knowledge and prominence of the value and richness of Greek culture for the benefit of the whole of society of the two cities. Everyone's desire is that the institution of the sister-city relationship to constitute a source of creative inspiration and an everlasting centre of attention of interest and the participation of the most active citizens and in particular of the youth. On the occasion of the festivities for the specific anniversary of the sister-city relationship between Thessaloniki and Melbourne, I would like to congratulate the commendable members of the Thessaloniki Association "The White Tower" for their meritorious attempts that have been made all these years in preserving a vivid flame of friendship and collaboration between the two cities and to wish them every success in this year's celebrations.

With friendly greetings,

The Ambassador
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