

Speech by the Mayor of Limassol Mr Nicos Nicolaides, at the inauguration of the photo exhibition “Let me be myself – The life Story of Anne Frank”, organized by the Embassy of the Netherlands and the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, on Tuesday, 16th May 2016 at 19.00 hours at Panos Solomonides Cultural Centre

Dear Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was a great honour for me to be invited to open the photo exhibition “Let me be myself – The life Story of Anne Frank”, organized by the Embassy of the Netherlands and the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.

We welcome this unique photo exhibition to Limassol, in its long trip around the world.

We welcome the messages that this exhibition carries. Messages of non-discrimination, acceptance and mutual respect between people of all origins and all ages. It is important that this exhibition tries to spread these universal messages through an educational process which employs young people. Because if the world is going to change for the better, it is through the young people which this can be done.

Our city has always been an open and friendly city to people of different origins and different cultures. We are proud in Limassol that we have cultivated a culture of tolerance and respect. We are a multicultural society and I think this is one of the great characteristics of Limassol. It's part of who we are, and it's part of the Limassol success story.

This is why the story of Anne Frank, I am sure it will talk to the heart of every Limassolian.

For this, we thank you Madame Ambassador for giving us the opportunity to enjoy and admire this photo exhibition, both at its artistic level but primarily at the level of the messages it carries.