## Information for Students proposing to pursue higher education in the Republic of Cyprus

## 1. Private Universities:

Five Private Universities operate in the Republic of Cyprus. Their names and web-site details are as hereunder:

- 1. Frederick University <u>www.frederick.ac.cy</u>
- 2. European University Cyprus <u>www.euc.ac.cy</u>
- 3. University of Nicosia www.unic.ac.cy
- 4. Neapolis University, Pafos <u>www.nup.ac.cy</u>
- 5. University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus www.uclancyprus.ac.cy

For more information, please visit the following link:

http://www.highereducation.ac.cy/en/private-universities.html

## 2. Private Institutions of Tertiary Education

Please visit the following link:

http://www.highereducation.ac.cy/en/private-institutions-tertiary-education.html

# 3. Institutes of Higher Education in the occupied Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)

There are a number of universities/institutions located in the unilaterally declared independent "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)" which is not recognized by any country except Turkey. It would therefore be advisable to avoid seeking admission for higher education in any of these institutions. The advisory of the Mission may please been in this context.

At present there is no Indian Community or Student Association in the Republic of Cyprus.

Contact Details of the officer in the High Commission of India, Nicosia, Cyprus, handling student related matters:

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### ADVISORY FOR INDIAN STUDENTS DESIROUS OF STUDYING IN CYPRUS

Students planning to seek admission to Universities and Institutions of Higher Education in the Republic of Cyprus are advised to check the credentials of the University/Institution and conduct thorough research as to whether the degree/diploma/certificate granted by them is recognized in India.

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) website may also be checked for this purpose. The contractual obligations, terms/conditions, fee structure for the course proposed may be studied carefully and if possible, Indian students already studying in these Universities/Institutions may be consulted before taking a final decision and making any payments to the Universities/Institutions or their agencies in India or elsewhere. Please note that once fees have been paid, these are not refunded.

There are also a number of Universities/Institutions of Higher Education in the occupied northern part of Cyprus self-styled as "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)" It is a unilaterally declared independent state which is not recognized by any country except Turkey.

Instances of malpractices have been reported by Indian students who took admission in some universities/institution in "TRNC"

Some of these institutions have reportedly demanded additional fee from the students after they took admission at these institutions. Some students have also raised questions about the credibility and recognition of the courses offered by these institutions.

It may also be noted that due to political factors, officials of the High Commission of India in Nicosia which is accredited to the Republic of Cyprus are not in a position to visit the "TRNC" or maintain any contact with authorities there. In the circumstances, in case any Indian student(s) pursuing higher education in Universities/Institutions in the "TRNC" encounters any problem, the High Commission of India in Nicosia would not be in a position to render assistance. Indian students would therefore be well advised to not consider seeking admission to Universities/Institutions in the "TRNC".

A Press Release dated May 16, 2016, at the link <u>https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/26824/Advisory for Indian Students facing problems in Universities in no rthern Cyprus May 16 2016</u> may also kindly be seen.

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