

Χαιρετισμός Δημάρχου κ. Γιάννη Αρμεύτη
Τελετή Έναρξης Πρωταθλήματος Κρίκετ
15.5.2026 – Μεσαιωνικό Κάστρο – 7.00 μ.μ.

President of the Cyprus Cricket Federation
Mr. Muhammad Husain,
Distinguished guests,
Athletes, coaches and officials,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening and welcome to Limassol.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you tonight to the Medieval Castle of Limassol for the opening ceremony of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Sub-Regional Qualifiers, organized as part of Lemesia 2026.

Tonight, our city proudly welcomes athletes and visitors from around the world.

Your presence here reflects the power of sport to unite people, cultures and nations through the values of friendship, respect and cooperation.

At the same time, this tournament offers an excellent opportunity for participants and visitors to experience the beauty of Limassol and Cyprus — our history, culture, hospitality and vibrant seaside identity.

For Limassol, hosting an international tournament of this importance is both a privilege and an honour. It strengthens our city's position as a modern and outward-looking destination, capable of successfully hosting major international sporting events.

At the same time, this tournament offers participants and visitors the opportunity to experience the unique identity of Limassol and Cyprus — our history, culture, hospitality and vibrant seaside character.

We are especially pleased that this event, taking place within the framework of Lemesia 2026, further enriches one of the city's most important sporting institutions and strengthens Limassol's role as a centre of international sport and cultural exchange.

The tournament also gives the local community, and especially young people, the opportunity to become more familiar with the sport of cricket and the important values it promotes: teamwork, discipline, respect and fair play.

As Limassol Municipality, we remain committed to supporting sports and youth initiatives, recognising their contribution to social cohesion, healthy lifestyles and international cooperation.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Cyprus Cricket Federation, and especially to its President, Mr. Muhammad Husain, for the excellent cooperation and for choosing Limassol as the host city of this important international tournament.

I wish all teams every success and all our visitors a pleasant and memorable stay in Limassol.

Thank you and enjoy the evening.