

Cyprus to get its own digital-pedia soon

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THE Digital Cyprus web compendium will be available to the public in the coming months the island's digital champion Stelios Chimonas has said.

The platform, inspired and developed by the non-governmental organisation Future Worlds Centre, will host all information concerning Cyprus.

"The goal is to create and maintain a web community of volunteers that love Cyprus and want to help concentrate material on Cyprus which will be available to everyone," Chimonas said.

The project utilised the same principles and the same software offered by the global online encyclopaedia Wikipedia, he added.

"Digital Cyprus is an electronic encyclopaedia whose content is exclusively about Cyprus; the content will not be subject to censorship by unknown sources... since the platform will be run by Future Worlds Centre, which offers Cyprus the benefit of a complete and dynamic voice in a global society," Chimonas said.

He added that the platform will contribute to promoting Cyprus and become a source of information for the island's history, culture, and traditions.

Already participating in the project are the union of municipalities and the Education ministry, Chimonas said.

"The encyclopaedia will host anything that has to do with Cyprus, its people, objects, history, economy and the current state of affairs, and any citizen of the republic can upload a subject they find important with help from the volunteers to develop it properly and to classify it correctly," said the head of Future Worlds Centre Yiannis Laouris.

He added that users of the platform will be able to make corrections on texts posted by contributors and that a very small degree of control will be in place so that contributors are gradually divided into access levels.

"People will earn the right to make corrections which will remain for a greater length of time because the changes they make are correct," Laouris said.

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