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Interviews with foreigners working in our region





Interview with Ali-Rachman from Pakistan, worker in a small milk industry (creamery)

Student: Hello Ali!

Ali: Hello!

Student: Where are you from?

Ali: I am from Pakistan.

Student: Where did you come to Greece?

Ali: I came in 2008.

Student: How did you come?

Ali: I arrived in Turkey on foot and then by boat until Samos.

Student: Was it dangerous?

Ali: Very much but finally everything turned out well.

Student: Your family?

Ali: My family is in Pakistan.

Student: Do you like Greece?

Ali: I like Greece very much! Especially the way you live and work.

Student: What don't you like in our country?

<u>Ali</u>: I don't like that people sometimes look at us in a strange way and they feel afraid of us.

Student: Would you like to go back to Pakistan?

Ali: Not now but maybe sometime in the future.

Student: Thank you very much Ali!

Ali: Me too, God blesses you!

Interview with Eliour Sabi, doctor in the Health Centre of Parapythia

Student: Good afternoon Mr. Sabi!

Eliour: Good afternoon!

Student: Where do you come from?

Eliour: I come from Syria and more specifically from Lattakia.

Student: When did you first come in Greece?

<u>Eliour</u>: I first came in your country in 1986 to study Medicine in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Student: What is your opinion of our country?

<u>Eliour</u>: From the first day I came here I really liked it because Greece and Syria have many similarities such as the climate, customs and traditions.

Student: Do you miss your country?

<u>Eliour</u>: When I feel homesick, I visit it and I also visit my relatives. But after a while I miss Greece and I come back.

Student: Do you ever think of returning to your homeland?

<u>Eliour</u>: I would really like it but nowadays things are dangerous because of the war. But someday I would really like it.

Student: Is it something that you don't like in Greece or Greek people?

<u>Eliour</u>: I would like Greek people to be less cautious towards foreigners and treat us with more tolerance. Your country is famous since ancient times for its hospitality.

Student: Thank you so much for this interview Mr Sabi.

<u>Eliour</u>: Thank you very much as well and I will be waiting to host you in my country.