

Report on Solar Eclipse 21st June 2020

On Sunday morning 21st June 2020, observers all over Cyprus got up nice and early to watch the shadow of the moon pass across the Sun.

At KITION PLANETARIUM AND OBSERVATORY our team advised and informed the public how to watch the eclipse safely in the days preceding the event.

We carried out observations safely on our premises using a variety of methods. From the high tech methods with solar telescopes, telescopes with UV light filters, and tracking mounts, to the lower tech, but equally stunning methods using solar viewing spectacles and pinhole cameras.

Here in Cyprus we observed a partial phase of the eclipse, the Moon's shadow covered 37% of the Sun at maximum, but along a narrow band of the Earth, not too far from our island, people were treated with observations of the full Annular Eclipse.

We have to wait just over 2 years to see another eclipse of the Sun from our island. The next one will be partial, and it occurs on 25th October 2022. Save the date, especially if you missed it this time round. It is a truly stunning site.

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