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Caption:

Pekka Laine knows Sastamala central sports field well, as he has been going to VaPS football matches since April 2010.

Pekka is our new trainee

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Tyrvään Sanomat newspaper's new editorial trainee, **Pekka Laine**, started last week. Who is Pekka Laine and how did he end up in Tyrvää?

"I live in Tampere. I came here for a work placement because I am studying journalism. And I like the Sastamala region. I have spent many summers here."

Where are you studying?

"I am studying in Cyprus, at the University of Nicosia. I started there in January."

Why did you decide to study in Cyprus?

"I am interested in international issues. And I like the sunny and warmer climate of Cyprus."

Is studying in Cyprus different from studying in Finland?

"In Cyprus, studying is less focused on books. Attendance in lessons is compulsory, but studying is also easier than in Finland."

What did you do before you started studying journalism?

"I have written books and worked in ICT, for example at Nokia Mobile Phones. I have a university degree in engineering."

What attracts an engineer to the field of media?

"Writing and working in ICT are not that different, really. Both involve thinking and using a computer. Of course, writing is more creative and people-oriented."

What are your expectations regarding your work placement?

"I want to learn about the practical media work. People always say that journalism is hectic. I want to know if that is true or is it just an image."

What books have you written?

"I started with writing fiction. Now I have also written travel books. What fascinates me most is the philosophy of life; what good life is and how to live it."

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