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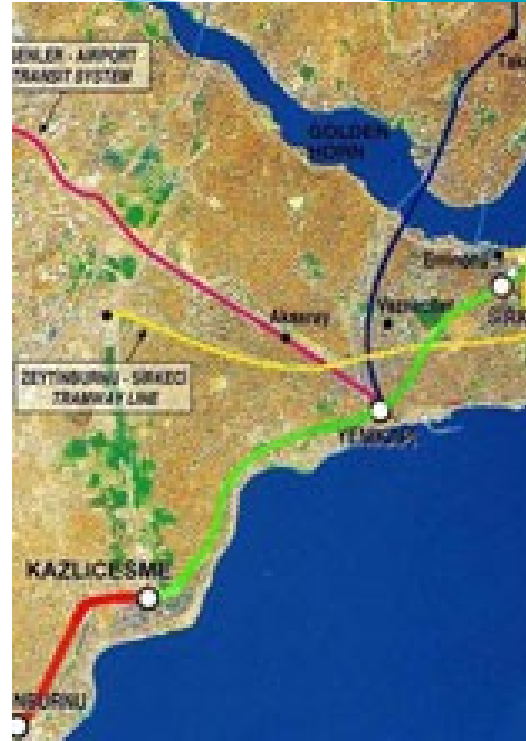
Sema Educators Association  
(Theodosius) Yenikapı Harbour in  
Istanbul - Türkiye 2011



Istanbul municipality has started to build a tube for metro under the Bosphorus between Europe and Asia in 2004

During the work they have discovered some ruins of an old harbour

Experts from universities came to the ground and they were surprised what they saw





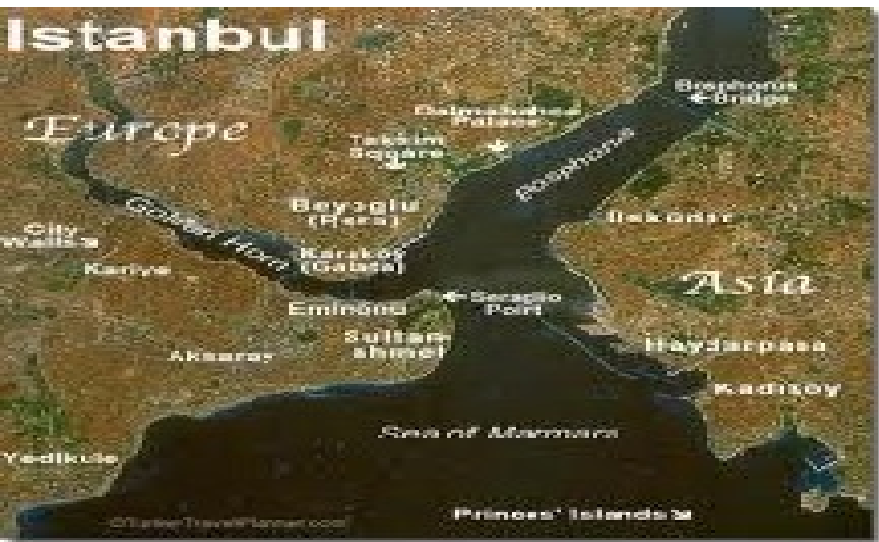
- Researches spread 58.000m<sup>2</sup> land and +3 to -1 meter from sea level
- First they found ruins of markets and workshops from late Ottoman time
- Then they found ruins from early Byzantium time  
**Theodosius harbour**  
between -1mt and -6.30mt from sea level

- Theodosius Harbour was built by Theodosius (379-395) at the end of Lykos (Bayrampaşa) river for trade in growing Byzantium city

- We understand that this harbour was used for trade till 11th century even mills of river covered most of the harbour area

- We can understand this by seeing ships which





- 35 ships' ruins discovered in 3 different area during the workd of metro.
- We can understand the shipping thecniques of Bizantium period whit this reachest ship collection in Yenikapı area
- Ship named Yenikapı 35 has a special place among the others with it's 15mt lenght and 5 mt widety. There are amphoras using for trade in it from

- Under the Theodosius harbour ground below the sea level -6.30mt from Neolithic time simple stone ruins and (Hoker) and Urne ruins helped us to understand Neolithic period
- At the beginning of 2011 graves were also found from Neolithic time in Yenikapı Metro works. We also can see the body of a men in this area.







- **Yenikapı Neolitik place has taken the İstanbul's inhabitants 8500 years back**
- **These ruins have similarities with "Fikirtepe Kültürü" and "Yarımburgaz 4" which are close to İstanbul's other Neolithic habitats known before.**



- **35.000 pieces documented and lighting the history of İstanbul begining from Neolithic time until today with out any.**
- **Layers of ground from Neolithic time to Theodosius horbour city, helps us to understand changes of Marmara sea level in 10.000 years**



- We can understand the trade ways of those times from black sea and Eagean sea.
- Many different vegetables and walnut found inside of the amphoras



# Thank you





