



Press Release

PR211804

01.10.2021

PRESS RELEASE BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

Cambodian Ambassador pays courtesy visit to Deputy Speaker

Mr Sophamm Ket, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia, paid a courtesy visit to the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Claudette Buttigieg.

The deputy speaker welcomed the new Cambodian Ambassador, who is based in Paris, and noted that although Malta and Cambodia are geographically far apart, Malta looks forward to strengthening bilateral relations which were established diplomatically on 13 January 2005.

Deputy Speaker Buttigieg and Mr Sophamm Ket spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic, with the Cambodian Ambassador elaborating on the situation in his country which saw around 112,000 cases from a population of roughly 17 million. He said that Cambodia, which had received a donation of vaccines from various countries apart from buying its share as well, is in the process of administering the third shot of the vaccine.

The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual importance including cooperation between the respective parliaments, relations between the EU and Cambodia, and the political situation in Cambodia.

The promotion of cultural tourism also featured in the discussion.

Mr Sophamm Ket was accompanied by Mr Sokan Oum, Counsellor at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Paris.