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The Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam pays a courtesy visit on the Speaker

The Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Duong Hai Hung, paid a courtesy visit on the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr Anglu Farrugia.

Introducing the discussion, the Speaker expressed Malta eagerness to continue to nurture the long-standing cordial relationship between Malta and Vietnam, and looks forward to the strengthening of the excellent relations on both a bilateral and multilateral levels. Dr Farrugia indicated areas of mutual interest which both sides can work on, such as trade and tourism, cooperation through regional and international institutions like the European Union and ASEAN as well as the United Nations.

The Speaker further amplified areas of possible cooperation with Vietnam, namely the advanced manufacturing, education, and the teaching of the English language for Vietnamese students. Regarding the increased mobility of the diaspora which both Malta and Vietnam have in other countries, Dr Farrugia promoted the sharing of views and practices on how to handle diaspora challenges with the wider context of the respective socio-cultural and political realities.

Dr Farrugia highlighted the benefits of the various agreements signed between the European Union and Vietnam, including the Free Trade Agreement, which can serve as an important tool to enhance the commercial relationship between the Union and Vietnam. Equally essential is the continuation of dialogue between the EU and Vietnam on other issues like human rights, good governance and sustainable development.