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Ambassador of the Philippines pays courtesy visit on the Deputy Speaker

Ambassador of the Philippines Nathaniel Imperial paid a courtesy visit on Deputy Speaker David Agius MP.

The Deputy Speaker expressed Malta's appreciation to the warm and friendly ties that have characterised the relationship between Malta and the Philippines and is looking forward to the registration of further progress on both the bilateral and multilateral fronts.

The Deputy Speaker referred to the relatively recent attainment of independence of the Philippines and the Christian Catholic heritage that dates to hundreds of years. This background together with the role played by Maltese clergy, doctors and missionaries has cemented the bond of friendship between the two peoples.

Deputy Speaker David Agius also suggested the setting up of the Malta/Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group aimed at improving the relationship between both parliaments. He also referred to the current bill being discussed in the Maltese Parliament to regulate recruitment agencies in Malta.

The Ambassador acknowledged the role played by different sectors of the Maltese society in the Philippines and agreed that the direct contact between both people has helped to establish good and cordial relations between both countries. Additionally, the Ambassador stated that he is looking forward to the enhancement of commercial and trade relations between both countries. The Ambassador also referred to regional issues of interest to the Philippines.