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The Japanese Chargé d’Affaires pays courtesy visit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Anġlu Farrugia, welcomed the Japanese Chargé d’Affaires (CdA), Mr. Tadahiko Yamaguchi, during a courtesy visit to discuss various matters of bilateral importance between Malta and Japan.

The meeting underscored the strong and friendly relations between Malta and Japan, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to enhancing cooperation across multiple areas. Dr Farrugia and the CdA explored several key topics, including the discussion centred on the long-standing diplomatic ties between Malta and Japan, as well as opportunities for further strengthening economic, political, and social relations. Both parties agreed on the importance of continued dialogue to deepen their mutual interests.

The contributions of the Maltese community in Japan and the Japanese community in Malta were highlighted. Both Speaker Anġlu Farrugia and Mr. Yamaguchi acknowledged the importance of these diasporas in fostering cultural exchange and mutual understanding between the two nations. They also discussed ways to further engage with and support these communities.

Speaker Farrugia and the Japanese CdA expressed enthusiasm for increased cultural and educational collaboration. Initiatives to promote student exchanges, joint academic programs, and cultural events were discussed, with a view to enhancing people-to-people ties and fostering greater appreciation of each country’s rich heritage.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Speaker Farrugia expressed his gratitude to Mr. Yamaguchi for the productive dialogue and reaffirmed Malta’s commitment to working closely with Japan in strengthening their bilateral partnership. The Japanese representatives also expressed Japan’s eagerness to continue fostering this relationship in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation.