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Speaker Farrugia receives the new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Zhang Zuo

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Anglu Farrugia, today received a courtesy visit by Zhang Zuo, the newly appointed Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Malta.

Speaker Farrugia welcomed Ambassador Zhang to Malta and conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure. He underlined the long-standing friendship between Malta and China, built on mutual respect and cooperation since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1972.

During the meeting, the Speaker highlighted the importance of continued collaboration across a wide range of areas, including education, tourism, culture, trade, and investment. He noted in particular the successful opening of the new Institute for Tourism Studies campus in Zhengzhou, which further strengthens people-to-people ties and educational exchanges between the two countries.

The discussions also touched upon parliamentary diplomacy and the valuable role that closer dialogue between the legislatures of Malta and China can play in deepening bilateral relations. Both sides expressed a commitment to exploring further opportunities for exchange and cooperation in this area.

Speaker Farrugia reaffirmed Malta's adherence to the One-China Policy, describing it as a cornerstone of bilateral relations, and welcomed China's constructive engagement in addressing global challenges. The meeting also provided an opportunity to exchange views on current regional and international issues, with both sides stressing the importance of dialogue, peace, and multilateralism.

Ambassador Zhang expressed his appreciation for Malta's support and underlined his intention to further strengthen the partnership between the two countries in all areas of mutual interest.