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### ***The Speaker receives a courtesy visit from the new Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malta***

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Anġlu Farrugia, received a courtesy visit from Kim Choon-goo, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of Malta, on the occasion of the presentation of his Letters of Credence to the President of Malta.

During the meeting held at the Parliament of Malta, the Speaker extended his warm congratulations to Ambassador Kim on his appointment and conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure. Speaker Farrugia underlined the longstanding friendship between Malta and the Republic of Korea, which this year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, dating back to 1965.

The Speaker highlighted the importance of further strengthening bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including trade and investment, education, tourism, digital innovation, and cultural exchange. He noted that both countries share a strong commitment to democracy, multilateralism, and sustainable development, and expressed Malta's readiness to deepen collaboration in these fields.

Ambassador Kim expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome extended to him and reaffirmed the Republic of Korea's commitment to enhancing cooperation with Malta, both bilaterally and through regional and multilateral frameworks, including the European Union and the United Nations. He commended Malta's active role in promoting peace, dialogue, and digital governance at the international level.

Both sides acknowledged the growing potential for partnership between the two nations, particularly in the fields of research, green technology, cybersecurity, and maritime innovation, and agreed to continue exploring ways to expand exchanges between their peoples and institutions.