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Official inauguration of 'Inspired in China' Fine Art Exhibition by Maltese Artists at the Parliament building

“Exchanges amongst people help to establish and renew acquaintances, and seed opportunities for collaboration, fruitful cooperation which certainly contributes to the well-being of people”, said the Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia at the inauguration of the Inspired in China Art Exhibition by Maltese Artists 2017-2018, as part of the Happy Chinese New Year Celebrations.

Speaker Anglu Farrugia noted that this art exhibition coincides with two very important occasions, the Happy Chinese New Year and Valletta 2018 as the European Capital City for Culture.

Speaker Farrugia said that cultural exchanges such as the experience of Maltese artists through this series of ‘Inspired in China’, brings together the Chinese and Maltese cultures. Art is a medium through which peoples gain a better understanding of one another and such encounters become life-long experiences. In translating the experience into art, the artist transposes one’s own memories and time into tangible works of art which is an artistic achievement.

In his concluding remarks, the Speaker referred to the long-standing friendship between the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Malta, and held that the friendship amongst the Chinese and Maltese people is founded on mutual respect and trust, aware that they belong to the one family of mankind – humanity and the international community of nations.

Mr Jiang Jiang, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China, referred to the long-standing history of friendly exchanges between China and Malta. Since its inception in 2007, the Happy Chinese New Year in Valletta festivities have deepened cultural cooperation and friendship between the Chinese and the Maltese. The Chinese Ambassador noted that the joyful festivities of the Happy Chinese New Year in Valletta 2018 are unveiled in the Parliament of Malta - demonstrating the reservoir of friendly sentiments of the Maltese people towards China, something, he deeply values. He added that he looked forward to the Chinese New Year and felt confident that both the Chinese and Maltese people will keep on working together, as close as one family, to further prosper in the years ahead.

Prof Alexiei Dingli, Mayor of Valletta, and Wang Yanjun, Director of China Cultural Centre in Malta also addressed this event. The Guizhou Congjiang Ethnic Art Troupe, China, entertained the guests.

The public is invited to view the exhibition at the Parliament building Foyer, till Wednesday, 28 February 2018.