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Ambassador of Japan pays courtesy call on Speaker Farrugia

The new Ambassador of Japan Keiichi Katakami paid a courtesy call on Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia.

Speaker Farrugia welcomed Ambassador Katakami and said that the long-standing relations between Malta and Japan, established diplomatically on 15 July 1965, have flourished at all levels, culminating with the visit by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and First Lady Akie Abe who visited Malta in May. He also mentioned last August's visit by a group of members of the House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan.

The two dignitaries discussed the international situation with reference made to the Korean peninsula. Mr Speaker remarked that every effort should be made to avoid war and mentioned the Japanese experience when atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Maltese diaspora in Japan, trade relations as well as parliamentary cooperation also featured in the discussion.

Ambassador Keiichi Katakami was accompanied by Second Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Italy, Yukiko Constantinescu.