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Dutch Ambassador on a farewell visit to Speaker Farrugia

Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Johannes J.P. Nijssen paid a farewell visit to Speaker Anġlu Farrugia in view of his tenure in office soon coming to an end.

Speaker Farrugia expressed his appreciation to Ambassador Nijssen for his hard work and the various initiatives which helped further enhance the excellent bilateral relations which have existed between Malta and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Speaker Farrugia recalled the cooperation between the Maltese Parliament and the Dutch First and Second Chambers during the parliamentary dimension of the Trio Presidency of the Council of the European Union. In particular, he mentioned his visit to The Hague in June 2016, and Speakers of the Staten-Generaal of the Netherlands Ankie Broekers-Knol and Khadija Arib's visit to Malta, which took place exactly one year ago.

The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual interest, including cultural cooperation. In this regard, they noted that this year, Malta and the Netherlands are celebrating Valletta and Leeuwarden as the European Capitals of Culture. They mentioned the twinning agreement between Marsaskala and the town of Meerssen and also spoke about other issues such as the rule of law and the general situation in the European Union.