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THE SPEAKER PAYS COURTESY CALL ON GRAND MASTER FESTING

Dr Anġlu Farrugia, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Malta, has this afternoon paid a courtesy call to HMEH Fra' Matthew Festing, Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, at San Anton, Attard.

The two dignitaries underscored the excellent relations that exist between Malta and the Order and looked forward to the forthcoming celebrations marking the 485th anniversary of the coming of the Knights to Malta and the 450th anniversary of the Great Siege.

They referred to previous and current projects carried out by the Malta branch of the Order for the benefit of the Maltese society and augured that the Order would undertake further projects in the humanitarian field.

They also discussed future co-operation between the Parliament of Malta and the Order as well as the issue of various false Orders which present themselves as the Sovereign Military Order.

HMEH Fra' Matthew Festing was accompanied by Bailiff Albrecht Freiherr von Boeselager, Grand Chancellor; Dominique Prince de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel, Grand Hospitaller; János Graf Esterházy de Galántha, Receiver of the Common Treasure; Fra' John Critien, Member of the Sovereign Council and Resident Knight at Fort St. Angelo; Ambassador Alberto Leoncini Bartoli, Diplomatic Counsellor to the Grand Chancellor; and Umberto Di Capua, Ambassador of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the Republic of Malta.

Also present for the meeting were Ċensu Galea; Deputy Speaker, Deborah Schembri, Government Deputy Whip; David Agius, Opposition Whip; and Mr Ray Scicluna, Clerk of the House.