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*Mr Speaker receives courtesy visit by a delegation from the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China*

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Malta, Anġlu Farrugia, has this morning received a courtesy visit by a delegation from the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, led by HE Xiaochu Wang, Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee and Chair of the NPC-EP Relationship Group.

The two dignitaries reaffirmed the excellent relations between Malta and the People's Republic of China, which have existed since January 1972 and which have been further strengthened by the numerous high-level visits that have taken place so far.

The two sides also discussed issues of mutual interest, including the Medium Term Co-operation Plan as well as increasing the collaboration between the Parliaments of the two countries, which would further enhance the Sino-Maltese relationship.

The delegation from the National People's Congress of the PR of China included Mr. Ning Shao, Vice-chair, Economic & Financial Affairs Committee of NPC, Mr. Jianguang Sun, Member, Education, Science, Culture and Public Health Committee of NPC, and Mr. Quan Chong, Member, Foreign Affairs Committee of NPC. HE Mr Cai Jinbaio, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Malta, was also present.