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*Deputy Speaker receives courtesy visit from the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia*

Deputy Speaker Claudette Buttigieg received a courtesy visit by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Prince Faisal bin Sattam bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

Buttigieg referred to the strong bilateral relations which have existed ever since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Malta and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 1 September 1975, and remarked that in spite of these strong relations, more can be done to bring the two countries closer.

The Saudi Ambassador remarked that Malta is truly a place which brings together many cultures together, as evidenced by our history, language, and culture amongst others.

The Deputy Speaker and the Saudi Ambassador discussed issues of mutual interest and possible areas of further cooperation between the two countries, including medical training and research, and tourism. The two sides also discussed the problems of water shortage and electricity generation, which are issues common to both countries and could thus feature in future cooperation in the framework of the Malta-Saudi Mixed Commission.