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*Speaker inaugurates ‘Inspired in China Fine Art Exhibition by Maltese Artists’*

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia inaugurated the ‘Inspired in China Fine Art Exhibition by Maltese Artists’ 2018 – 2019, as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Speaker Farrugia noted that ‘Inspired in China Fine Art Exhibition by Maltese Artists’ coincides with the celebrations marking Chinese New Year. He recalled last year’s celebration marking the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the foundation of the China Cultural Centre in Malta in 2003. Over the years, the China Cultural Centre in Malta has actively contributed to bring the friendly Chinese and Maltese people even closer together. Through cultural exchanges, both people managed to overcome distance, space, and became more acquainted with the traditions, customs, norms and philosophy of one another. Appreciation of these important cultural traces over time, implies a growing interest by both people to become even more aware of the richness of the history, traditions and particular values of one another. Cultural exchanges, such as the experience of Maltese artists with this exhibition, bring together Chinese and Maltese cultures. Through works of art, people gain a better understanding of one another. Such encounters are often life-long experiences that enable people to establish new acquaintances which help them contribute to the well-being of each other.

Speaker Farrugia also made reference to the long-standing friendship between the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Malta, and highlighted that the friendship amongst the Chinese and Maltese people is founded on mutual respect and trust.

Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China Mr Jiang Jiang also referred to the long-standing history of friendly exchanges between China and Malta. Since its inception in 2007, the Chinese New Year festivities in Valletta have deepened cultural cooperation and friendship between the Chinese and the Maltese. He looked forward to the Chinese New Year and felt confident that both the Chinese and Maltese people will keep on working hard together to attain further progress and prosperity.

The general public is invited to view the exhibition in the foyer of the Parliament of Malta in Valletta, up until Wednesday 30th January 2019. Opening hours are the following: weekdays (Monday to Friday) from 09.00 to 17.00, and Saturday and Sunday, from 09.00 to 12.30.