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The Ambassador of Nepal pays a courtesy call on the Deputy Speaker

The Ambassador of Nepal, Gyan Chandra Acharya, paid a courtesy visit on Deputy Speaker David Agius.

The Deputy Speaker welcomed the Ambassador and expressed his condolences in respect to the tragic airplane crash near Pakhara in January 2023.

Deputy Speaker Agius encouraged the Ambassador to intensify the contact between Malta and Nepal aimed at enhancing the bilateral and multilateral relationship between both countries. The Deputy Speaker also commented that the trade and commercial relationship between Malta and Nepal need to be stimulated through the appropriate mechanism to increase the economic activity between Malta and Nepal.

The Deputy Speaker recognised that the number of Nepalese workers in Malta can serve as a basis to give the right impetus to find other economic sectors which can be developed for the benefit of both countries. Two specific areas of interest were discussed, namely tourism and healthcare.

Deputy Speaker David Agius took note of the important relationship that exists between the EU and Nepal, not least as a result of the duty-free access that the EU grants Nepal. He added that cooperation between the parliaments of both countries could be significantly enhanced, and that the setting up of a parliamentary friendship group between the two parliaments should be considered.

Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya welcomed the comments made by the Deputy Speaker and agreed that there is ample room to improve the bilateral relations between both countries.