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Visit by the Korea-Malta Parliamentary Friendship Group

A delegation of the Korea-Malta Parliamentary Friendship Group, led by Member of the National Assembly of Korea Nam Insoon and including Joo Hoyoung, Kim Sungwon, Junhyeon Kang, and Jin Bae Hyun Jin, visited the Parliament of Malta on June 23, 2023.

The delegation paid a courtesy visit to Deputy Speaker David Agius. During the brief meeting, the head of the Korean delegation presented a copy of the Resolution on Supporting the Successful Bidding and Hosting of the World Expo 2030 in Busan, adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea on April 3, 2023. The delegation called for Malta's support of Korea's bid.

The delegation later met with members of the Malta-Korea Friendship Group led by Deputy Speaker David Agius and including Davina Sammut Hili and Omar Farrugia. During the meeting, the excellent bilateral relations between Malta and the Republic of Korea and the potential that exists for deepening these relations, particularly increasing tourism between the two countries, were discussed.

The deputy speaker also spoke about the tragic war in Ukraine, which was causing grief and hardship to the people, especially Ukrainian children, who were being forcefully taken away from their homes. He added that Malta firmly believes that the territorial integrity and sovereignty of any state should be respected at all times and that Malta will keep on supporting a lasting, peaceful solution with Ukraine in this war. Both sides agreed in this respect.

The Korean delegation also presented the bid for Korea to host the 2030 Expo in Busan and called for Malta's support in this regard. The deputy speaker noted that he will pass on the request to the speaker of the house of representatives and the minister for foreign and European affairs and trade.

The delegation was accompanied by the Korean Ambassador to Malta Seong Ho Lee.