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*Speaker Anġlu Farrugia receives new Chinese Ambassador*

This morning Speaker Anġlu Farrugia received a courtesy visit by the new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Jiang Jiang.

Both Mr Speaker and the Chinese Ambassador recalled the strong and solid bilateral relations that existed between Malta and the People's Republic of China since January 1972. These relations have enhanced by various high-level visits that have taken place so far.

The two dignitaries also discussed issues of mutual interest, particularly increasing the collaboration between the parliaments of the two countries. Mr Speaker reiterated his proposal on the setting up of a joint Parliamentary Friendship Group between the two countries, which would thus enhance the Sino-Maltese Parliamentary relations.

The two sides referred to the commercial relations between the two countries, highlighting particularly the Medium Term Cooperation Plan and the last session of the Malta-China Joint Commission on Trade and Economic Co-operation which was convened in Malta last May.

Mr Jiang Jiang was accompanied by Mr Minchuan Dong, First Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Malta.