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## Malta Chamber supports internationalisation efforts by PM-led delegation to Doha, Qatar

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry participated in the Doha Forum 2015 between the 11th and 13th May upon the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar. The Chamber was represented by its Vice President and Chairman of the Middle East Business Council, Mr Tonio Casapinta.

The visit served to revitalise and underscore the excellent relations between the Malta Chamber and the Qatari Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as follow-up on a business mission in which the Malta Chamber had also participated in 2014.

During this visit, the Malta Chamber was instrumental in coordinating a meeting between The Prime Minister Hon Dr Joseph Muscat and his delegation with His Excellency Sheikh Faisal Al Thani, Chairman of the Qatari Businessmen Association.

The Maltese delegation was told that following a delegation to Doha in 2014 lead by the Minister of Economy, Investments and Small Business, the Al Thani Investments Group was interested in areas such as Education, the hospitality industry and training, aviation, as well as financial services and has already taken steps to invest in Malta. In this respect , a follow-up visit to Malta by officials of the group was planned for early June.

Mr Casapinta also had a met meeting with H.E. Remy Rahwani, Director General of the Qatari Chamber of Commerce and Industry and discussed Malta's economic situation and main areas of interest for investment in Malta. They discussed possibilities of organising a Qatari business delegation to Malta in the near future.

The Doha Forum offered an overview of issues regarding democracy, development and free trade in the Middle East, Arab countries and the world. The international meeting also discussed critical political, economic, social, financial, strategic and human matters of pressing concern for a region witnessing most substantial changes.

**Photo Caption:** Meeting with H.E. Sheikh Faisal Al Thani of Al Thani Investments