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Malta and Qatar share a great ambition towards economic growth

Welcoming a Business delegation led by His Excellency Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Bin Faisal Al Thani, Chairman of Al Faisal Holding and the Qatari Businessmen Association, to the Exchange Buildings, Malta Chamber President Mr Anton Borg said that though Malta and Qatar were both small in size, they both shared a great ambition towards economic growth.

“Malta aims at becoming an economic hub in the Mediterranean region, while similarly the same energy is shaping Qatar into the gateway to Asia and Europe” Mr Borg said.

The Malta Chamber President was opening the Malta-Qatar Business Forum which was organised by the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry on 5th October 2016. Wednesday’s Business Forum was the latest episode in a budding history of excellent relations between Malta and Qatar, in which the Malta Chamber has long held a leading role.

The Malta Chamber participated in a number of Business Delegations to Qatar in 2012, 2014 and more recently in a visit to Doha which was led by Malta’s Prime Minister in 2015. In June of last year, the Malta Chamber welcomed a visiting delegation from Al Faisal International for Investment Co. at the Malta Chamber which provided the initial steps towards potential investment in Malta.

“This excellent relation is providing the ideal background for the Business Forum today and other potential investment in Malta” Mr Borg said.

The Malta Chamber President said that both Malta and Qatar aspire to lead service and knowledge-based economies. “To realise this goal, innovation and enterprise in both Malta and Qatar are being placed centrally to allow SMEs to drive the economy” he said.

Mr Borg outlined a number of sectors in which opportunities of collaboration between the two countries is ripe. These included the health sector, the entertainment sector specifically the film servicing industry, green energy, research, tourism, and ICT.

Mr Borg said that the Chamber was committed to building on the excellent relations the two countries enjoyed and continue to bring businesses closer together, for the mutual benefit of both sides.

The Business Forum was also addressed by Al Faisal International for Investment CEO Mr Michael Anthony Collis, Malta Enterprise CEO Mr Mario Galea, Trade Malta Chief Officer Mr Joe Schembri and FinanceMalta Head of Business Development Mr Ivan Grech.

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