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## Malta Chamber attends top FDI conference in Dubai

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, as a partner for AIM 2016 attended the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM 2016) held in Dubai last week, which is one of the most celebrated conferences and exhibitions connecting top Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) investors, experts, and practitioners in the world. The theme of the conference was "The New World of FDI, Key Features and Best Practices", and it focused on the changes in the business landscape over the course of the year and what new forms of investment have become available.

The Malta Chamber was represented at the conference by Deputy President Mr Frank V. Farrugia and Vice President Mr Tonio Casapinta.

The conference presented a focus on new policies that are being implemented. The event sought to identify legislation that will help stimulate local economies through new investment opportunities. Additionally, best practices for the industry and some of the developments on the horizon were debated.

An investment exhibition that incorporated intellectual elements, foreign direct overviews, and even included a comprehensive set of guidelines that will help achieve further growth in the industry was held in parallel to the conference. Various countries participated in the exhibition such as Flanders, Cyprus, Morocco, Tunisia and others promoting FDI potentials of their own.

During their stay in Dubai the Maltese delegation also held a meeting with the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry with whom the Malta Chamber has a strategic partnership agreement in force.

The delegation was welcomed at the Dubai Chamber by Mr Atiq Juma Faraj Nasib – Senior Vice President – Commercial Services and by Mr Hassan Al Hashemi, Vice President – International Relations.

A highly positive meeting was held underlining the interest for co-operation between Malta and Dubai. The Dubai side showed extreme satisfaction to the fact that Malta has in the last months increased its visibility in the region particularly following the visit to the United Arab Emirates by Prime Minister Dr Joseph Muscat and is looking forward to the possibility of exchange of delegations between the two countries.

During networking opportunities at the conference, various contacts were made by the Maltese delegation with organisations involved in financial services, education and the UAE government sector.

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**Photo caption:** Mr Frank V Farrugia, Deputy President of the Malta Chamber of Commerce presenting a copy of "LA BORSA" a Malta Chamber publication to Mr Atiq Juma Faraj Nasib – Senior Vice President – Commercial Services. Looking on are Mr Hassan Al Hashemi, Vice President – International Relations (left) and Mr Tonio Casapinta Vice President of the Malta Chamber of Commerce.