

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## The Malta Chamber launches a document led by the Education Thematic Committee titled Education for the Future

Yesterday, President Ms Marisa Xuereb welcomed Minister for Education, Hon. Minister Justyne Caruana at The Malta Chamber. The delegation included CEO Dr Marthese Portelli and individuals forming part of the Education Thematic Committee, chaired by Ms Claudine Attard.

President Xuereb said, "It is important for Education and industry to be closely aligned and work in tandem to have a better skilled workforce. It is with this in mind that The Malta Chamber created the Education Thematic Committee."

The main objective of this Committee is to recommend active and concrete measures to ensure alignment between the national curriculum and the needs of today's Maltese employers and economy. Furthermore, it serves as the support and driving force to national educational institutions to implement the necessary change to the benefit of students and employers.

In doing so, the Committee proposed its recommendations based on its three priorities:

- 1. Vocational Educational Training
- 2. Upskilling and Reskilling
- 3. Future of Education

During the meeting, The Chamber's document Education for the Future was presented to the Minister. This document highlights the importance of lifelong learning, having period curriculum reviews, developing and empowering educators, and introducing Social Emotional Learning and Service Learning for both students and teachers.

The Committee is composed of Chairperson Ms Claudine Attard, Vice Chairperson Christopher Bezzina, Ms Mariella Galea, Mr Stephan Vella, Dr Nadia Maria Vassallo, Ms Fiona Captur, Mr Antonello Cappitta and coordinator of the Committee, Ms Julia Aquilina. END