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## **Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar makes his 15<sup>th</sup> annual visit to the chess festival**



*Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar Dr Joseph Garcia visits the festival for the fifteenth year in a row.*

*Pic: Sophie Triay*

From its inception, Dr Joseph Garcia, Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar, has given his support to the Gibraltar chess festival. Dr Garcia has visited the tournament annually throughout its 15 year history and making this his fifteenth annual visit.

Having just landed in Gibraltar following a Gibraltar Government official visit to the European Parliament to Brussels this week, Dr Garcia quipped, in an interview on our official website, “you could say I have had breakfast in Brussels, lunch in London and now tea in Gibraltar at the festival”.

The Deputy Chief Minister was met by tournament organiser Brian Callaghan.



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*Pic: Sophie Triay*



*International Master Jovanka Houska interviews Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar Dr Joseph Garcia.*

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International Master Jovanka Houska spoke to Dr Garcia of the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival now being a long established chess tournament.

“I have been one of those people who as a Member of Parliament in Gibraltar have visited the tournament over these 15 years. It has been a source of great pride and encouragement to see the way it has grown,” he said.

He was particularly encouraged, he added, by the number of children playing in the schools in Gibraltar and the fact that nine local children had competed in this year’s Amateur B tournament.

His own children he said played chess and formed part of the school project which has introduced chess in its maths lessons.

Touring the main hall, where round 9 was being played today with great intensity, it was great to recognise the names and faces of the players who returned to the tournament year on year.

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