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Malta Tourism Authority Chairman, Dr. Gavin Gulia, presents awards for Concours d'Elegance

The MTA Chairman, Dr. Gavin Gulia, was recently invited to attend the 9th edition of the Malta Classic, which took place between 5th and 8th October, to present the winners of the Concours d'Elegance with their award.

The Malta Classic is made up of three events, the Mellieha Hill Climb, the Concours d'elegance and the Mdina Grand Prix, and in total 60 cars participated in the various events. Of these 60 participating cars, 15 were brought from abroad, together with their drivers and crew, from countries such as France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and the UK.

During his visit on 6th October, Dr. Gulia was shown around all the participating vintage cars that formed the Concours d'Elegance part of the Malta Classic. Dr. Gulia then went on to present the trophies to the winners of this stage of the event.

Following the presentation of these awards, Dr. Gulia said "events are one of our greatest attractions, particularly in the non-summer months, and the Malta Classic presents the opportunity for many to travel to Malta to view some incredible classic cars, with spectators coming from all over Europe as well as from Japan and the US".

Dr. Gulia continued by praising the organisers for going a step further than just organising the event, as they took all foreign participants for a visit to Gozo before the competition started. Dr. Gulia concluded by thanking all the stakeholders in making this event and all similar events possible and augured all the best for future events.

<u>Ir-rebbieħa tal-Concours d'Elegance ipprezentati bi premijiet miċ-Chairman tal-Awtorità</u> <u>Maltija għat-Turizmu, Dr Gavin Gulia</u>

lċ-chairman tal-MTA, Dr Gavin Gulia, attenda d-disa' edizzjoni tal-Malta Classic u ippreżenta lir-rebbieħa tal-Concours d'Elegance bil-premju mistħoqq lilhom.

Il-Malta Classic saret bejn il-ħamsa u t-tmienja ta' Ottubru, bil-parteċipazzjoni ta' sittin karozza. B'kollox kien hemm tliet avvenimenti: il-Mellieħa Hill Climb, il-Concours d'Elegance u l-Mdina Grand Prix. Minn dawn is-sittin karozza, ħmistax inġiebu minn barra minn Malta, minn pajjiżi bħal Franza, l-Italja, l-Iżvizzera, l-Awstrija u r-Renju Unit. Flimkien mall-karozzi nġiebu wkoll is-sewwieqa u operaturi oħra involuti.

Waqt iż-żjara tiegħu nhar is-sitta ta' Ottubru, Dr Gulia żar il-karozzi antiki li kienu parti mill-Concours d'Elegance u ippreżenta trofej lir-rebbieħa. Huwa stqarr li avventimenti ta' dan it-tip huma attrazzjoni ewlenija għal pajjiżna, speċjalment fix-xhur tax-xitwa. Il-Malta Classic tippreżenta l-opportunità lil ħafna biex izuru Malta u japprezzaw il-karozzi. Tant hu hekk li turisti jiġu mill-Ewropa, il-Ġappun u l-Istati Uniti.

Dr Gulia faħħar lill-organizzaturi talli mhux biss organizzaw l-avveniment, iżda ħadu lill-parteċipanti kollha Għawdex, fejn bdiet il-kompetizzjoni. Ikkonkluda billi rringrazzja lil dawk kollha involti biex l-avveniment u oħrajn simili jkunu suċċess.

