



MEDIA RELEASE

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The Gozo Tourism Association welcomes positively the signing of the agreement, between the Government of Malta and the Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, of Queen Mary University, for the setting up of a campus hosting a medical and dental school on the site of the Gozo General Hospital.

The set up of such a medical teaching institution is considered by the Gozo Tourism Association, as an encouraging step forward to stimulate the socio and economic development on the Island of Gozo.

The Gozo Tourism Association representing the various sectors of the Gozitan tourism industry, firmly believes that such a medical school, will not only elevate the status of the Gozo General Hospital, but it will also brand Gozo internationally in the medical sector. Furthermore the proposed public-private partnership plan in health care for Gozo, dovetails perfectly with health tourism, one of the niches that we are striving to establish, develop and promote for Destination Gozo.

We are confident, that the setting up of the medical school and the medical hub on our Island, will open up new horizons, not only in the medical sector, but their multiplier effect will be most beneficial to the whole tourism industry on Gozo. It will definitely support the tourism sector on Gozo in mitigating its seasonality element, whilst creating new job opportunities.

To this end, the Gozo Tourism Association, not only underlines the importance of such developments, but insists that the opening of these facilities are an obligation towards the socio-economic growth for the benefit of the Gozitan Island.