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'Congratulations Gibraltar, organisers and competitors'
says Gibraltar's new Governor



CAPTION: Gibraltar's Governor Lieutenant General Edward Davis and Mrs Lorraine Davis met tournament organiser Brian Callaghan and Mrs Shirley Callaghan yesterday upon arrival at the hotel today. Pic: John Saunders.

Last week Gibraltar saw the arrival of its new Governor Lieutenant General Edward Davis. Today, the Gibraltar Tradewise Festival became one of his first official functions, visiting the tournament and the Caleta Hotel for the very first time together with his wife Mrs Lorraine Davis.

Met by tournament organiser Brian Callaghan and Mrs Callaghan on arrival the couple were shown round the Augustus Suite where Round 2 of the Masters was already at play by Tournament Director Stuart Conquest and the Masters Arbiter Stephen Boyd.



CAPTION: Gibraltar's Governor Lieutenant General Edward Davis was shown round by Tournament Director Stuart Conquest. Pic: John Saunders.

Interviewed live by Tournament Director Stuart Conquest on the daily internet show streamed across the world the Governor commented how everyone involved should be proud of showcasing on a global stage chess and Gibraltar.

He said he had been impressed by what he had seen at the start of play in the Augustus Suite and by the number of players in the competition.

"Building bridges is my first impression," he said.

"Building bridges across nations, across different countries and across the sexes."

But Governor Davis said he had also been reminded of the challenge of chess and how skillful the players are.

"A military man, in my previous role I can see a massive utility of the game which requires strategy and courage, in terms of making bold moves and thinking ahead," he added,

Governor Edward Davis congratulated “Gibraltar, the organisers and competitors” of the Tradewise Chess Festival for making the tournament such a wonderful event.

He also commented it had been great to see young people engaged in such a wonderful adventure “connecting people and building bridges and seizing the opportunity that chess gives people which I have never really appreciated before”.

Governor Davis told Stuart Conquest that he used to play chess a long time ago, and after having seen the tournament at work today, he may be tempted to “dust off that the old chess board in the attic and give it a go and come as an amateur next year”.

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