

TRADEWISE GIBRALTAR CHESS FESTIVAL

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CHESS VERY MUCH A PART OF NEW INITIATIVE 'GIBRALTAR A YEAR OF CULTURE'



CAPTION: Gibraltar's Tourism Minister hosted a dinner at the Caleta Hotel on Tuesday night.

A Gala dinner hosted by Gibraltar's Minister for Tourism Gilbert Licudi was held at the Caleta Hotel on Tuesday night. The night proved a great success and included a surprise performance from the Gibraltar Youth Choir directed by Christian Santos from the Gibraltar Academy of Music and Performing Arts.

In his speech Gibraltar's Minister for Tourism Gilbert Licudi described the chess festival as an amazing event.

In the chess world, he said: "This is one of the most important if not the most important event of its kind in the whole of the events calendar"

In Gibraltar the festival is one of the main events of the new Gibraltar Government led initiative "Gibraltar a year of culture".

Having launched the new marketing initiative last year at the World Trade Market in London and at Fitur in Madrid, Mr Licudi said that for him because of "Gibraltar a year of culture", it was particularly satisfying to have hosted the dinner.

“This new initiative ‘Gibraltar a year of culture’ involves celebrating the very rich cultural diversity that we enjoy in Gibraltar. We have high calibre international events taking place week in week out throughout the year, every year, and this is what ‘Gibraltar year of culture’ is about,” he emphasised.

The chess festival, he added, was one of the main events of this ‘a year of culture’.

But he said to a packed dinner hall that this was not the only event in Gibraltar throughout the year.

“We have a backgammon festival, a music festival, a literary festival, and all of these are what we now call ‘Gibraltar a year of culture’, cultural and sporting events bringing top ranked players, visitors, families and all of you to enjoy this programme,” he said.



The night saw the participation of the Gibraltar Youth Choir from GAMPA performing a handful of current tunes. The youngsters proved very popular with the chess players and performed during the dinner.

Dominic Lawson, president of the English Chess Federation, also addressed the players and spoke highly of the festival and how welcoming it always was to all chess players from all over the world. He again called for Gibraltar to be recognised by FIDE.

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