

# TRADEWISE GIBRALTAR CHESS FESTIVAL

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## Gibraltar's Governor salutes all chess players participating in Tradewise 2018



*CAPTION: Gibraltar's Governor Lieutenant General Edward Davis and Mrs Davis met tournament organiser Brian Callaghan upon arrival and Hotel General Manager Franco Ostuni and members of the team.*

For the third year running Gibraltar's Governor Lieutenant General Edward Davis has supported the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival.

Visiting the Caleta Hotel yesterday afternoon together with his wife Lorraine Davis he again saluted all the chess players participating in the 16th edition of the tournament. Three years ago the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival was his first official function as Governor of Gibraltar.

On arrival they were met by festival organiser Brian Callaghan, director Stuart Conquest, hotel General Manager Franco Ostuni and team members of the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival. Also present was Chairman of Tradewise James Humphreys.



*CAPTION: Gibraltar's Governor Lieutenant General Edward Davis was shown round by Tournament Director Stuart Conquest and Chief Arbiter Laurent Freyd.*

Ahead of play at 3pm yesterday the Governor congratulated the organisers of the festival which continues to grow from strength to strength.

“The fact that the festival has grown 460% over its 16 year history and now includes members of federations from 30% of the countries of the world is just an indication of how successful it has been,” he said.

Congratulating everyone involved he paid tribute to festival organiser Brian Callaghan who he said had taken it from “conception to constellation”.

He also congratulated director Stuart Conquest in terms of co-ordinating the event and James Humphreys from Tradewise for leading the sponsors.

“It all speaks for itself in terms of what you see here,” he addressed the players.

He gave mention to the fact that the festival had been recognised by the Association of Chess Professionals as the best chess event of 2017.

“A phenomenal achievement,” he said.

But he added that Gibraltar was also the best in location, the best in construct and the best in spirit. It was, he added, built on that Gibraltarian belief of inclusivity, diversity and excellence.

Mr Davis said he had a limited knowledge of chess, but that nevertheless as a military man and with his experience in the military, he recognised chess was one of the most demanding, competitive disciplines in terms of gaming strategy, tactical ability and mental stamina.

“So be very proud of your achievements in terms of competing at this level. Good luck and I hope this will provide the space for you to be the best that you possibly can be and that you achieve your goals for this competition,” he added.

He was then shown round the main playing hall by Stuart Conquest and Chief Arbiter Laurent Freyd.

LIVE STREAMING



*CAPTION: Meeting the team in the broadcasting suite.*

Interviewed live by commentator British Women's Champion Jovanka Houska on the daily internet show streamed across the world the Governor again praised the event.