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Gibraltar's Equality Minister revisits chess



Gibraltar's Equality and Social Services Minister Samantha Sacramento revisited the Caleta Hotel today to see what moves were being played in the seventh round of the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival. This was her second visit having hosted the official Government Opening Dinner last Tuesday at the Caleta Hotel, on day one of the Gibraltar Masters.



Ms Sacramento was shown round the main playing areas by organiser Brian Callaghan and Tournament Director Stuart Conquest. She also found time to seek out some of the local players in the Gibraltar Masters including Gibraltar's No.1 player Stephen Whatley.

She was then interviewed live on our official website by International Master Jovanka Houska.

Ms Sacramento, formerly Gibraltar's tourism minister, has been a keen supporter of the festival.

"This is one of our favourite events. It is great for tourism because it is related to our events-led tourism strategy and it epitomises how successful this can be. Tradewise is a great festival," she said.

For Gibraltar, she added, it was always a pleasure to welcome new chess players and those who return year on year.

Commenting on the number of young Gibraltarian children doing well in the Amateur B tournament this week she said it was wonderful to see them doing well and winning some of their games.

The Government was committed to supporting chess in schools and in the clubs, she said, because of the bigger picture and the benefits outside the game.

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You can find video interviews and other source material from the days round available to embed from our YouTube Channel.

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