

Yesterday in Kadriorg, Jean Faltz, the first Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to Estonia, presented his credentials to President Toomas Hendrik Ilves.

At the meeting, the Estonian Head of State expressed his delight that bilateral relations with Luxembourg are friendly and sound. “The high-level meetings to date have proven how important dialogue and cooperation is between Estonia and Luxembourg in questions regarding European Union domestic and foreign policy as well as security policy,” said President Ilves.

“Moreover, Estonia is interested in closer economic contacts between the two countries and the continued activation of trade relations,” added the Head of State.

According to President Ilves, Estonia has learned a lot from Luxembourg about how a small country can have influence in the European Union and through the European Union.

The Head of State recalled that it was Luxembourg that gave Estonia the invitation for accession negotiations with the European Union. The name of the village of Schengen in Luxembourg has also taken on a real meaning and practical value for Estonians since December 21st of this year, as a symbol of one of the fundamental freedoms of the European Union—the freedom of movement. The Estonian Head of State expressed his hope that the expansion of the Schengen visa space has increased the interest of Luxembourg’s entrepreneurs in Estonia and encouraged them to make more investments in Estonia.

The Ambassador resides in Prague.

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