



New Silk Road Forum House of Lords Launch a Resounding Success

We are delighted to announce that the official launch of the New Silk Road Forum held at the House of Lords on 16th May 2012, was a resounding success.

NSR CEO Abradat Kamalpour, of Ashurst LLP, and Chairman Lord Waverley, chairman of the Central Asia All Party Parliamentary Groups, were joined for the forum's inaugural session and associated lunch by an impressive array of leading figures from the worlds of law, business, diplomacy and academia, including HE Mr Kairat Abusseitov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan, HE Mr Fakhraddin Gurbanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, HE Mr Yazmurad Seryaev, Ambassador of Turkmenistan, HE Dr Baktygul Kalambekova, Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan, HE Mr Erkin Kasymov, Ambassador of Tajikistan, HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Maktoum Al Maktoum of the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, Counsellor Mr Miao Deyu of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, First Secretary Mr Issa Alsheibani of the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman, Counsellor Mr Ara Margarian of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia, HE Mr Bulgaa Altangerel, Ambassador of Mongolia, First Secretary Mr Djakhongir Irgashev of the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Vice Admiral Rory McLean CB OBE.

Also attending were representatives from JP Morgan, KPMG, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, FTI Consulting, Gas Strategies Group, Gryphon Emerging Markets, the China-Britain Business Counsel, the UK India Business Counsel, the European Azerbaijan Society, VSO and the Department of International Development.

The NSR was especially honoured by the attendance of Ms Roza Otunbayeva, Former President of Kyrgyzstan 2010-2011.

Said Abradat Kamalpour: "I am truly delighted at the number of prominent figures who chose to attend the NSR's launch as it clearly demonstrates the level of interest both from international and UK businesses in the vital New Silk Road region, and from countries of the region. As European economies begin to slow down, the importance of this dynamic and expanding region will become of ever increasing importance."

To view a selection of photographs of the launch, including both the inaugural session and the lunch, please go to www.nsrforum.com.