

Overseas Trade Programme during FY 2008/09

Serial (a)	Country Visited (b)	Dates (c)	Number of Days (d)	Key Events (f)
1	MIDDLE EAST I			<i>Part of the regular visits to the Middle East to foster and develop key business relationships for the UK</i>
	<i>Qatar</i>	<i>28- 29th March 08</i>		<i>Part of visit, but previous Financial Year - Visited Qatar Investment Authority</i>
	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>30th -31st March 08</i>		<i>Part of visit, but previous Financial Year - Toured the SOFEX Exhibition</i>
	Kuwait	1st April 2008	1	- Toured the Britain in Kuwait exhibition
	United Arab Emirates	2nd to 4th April 08 2nd – Dubai 3rd/4th – Abu Dhabi	3	Dubai: - Visited Britain in the Region - Dubai International Financial Centre Abu Dhabi: - Opened Foster + Partners offices - Visited Abu Dhabi Investment Authority

2	EGYPT	18-20 May 08	3	- Co- Chair of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East, held at Sharm el Sheikh
3	ITALY	30 Jun – 1st July 08	2	Milan. - To promote UK expertise, following the award of Expo 2015 to the City. - Visited Pirelli (UKTI) and met with the VP of Finmeccanica (UKTI)
4	FAR EAST			<i>Developing relationships with a key business partner and a developing partner in the Far East</i>
	Vietnam	6-10 Sep 08	5	Second Official visit. Identified by UKTI as one of “Tomorrow’s Markets”. Focus on financial services and infrastructure opportunities. - Celebrated granting of local licences to HSBC and Standard Chartered.
	Singapore	11-12 Sep 08	2	Fourth Official visit. - Met the President and potential investors in the UK. - Visited GlaxoSmithKline Technical Centre and Rolls Royce Fuel Cell facility
5	KOREA	29 Sep - 3 Oct 08	5	Third official visit. - Met the President, PM, senior Ministers and the Mayor of Seoul. Focused on financial services, ICT and advanced engineering.
6	ASIA			<i>Focused on energy security and support for UK business in these emerging</i>

				<i>markets</i>
	Turkmenistan	29 – 30 Oct 08	1	- Call on President - Met Deputy Prime Minister (Oil and Gas) - Deputy Prime Minister (Foreign Affairs)
	Mongolia	31 Oct – 1 Nov 08	1	Second official visit. To continue discussions with the PM (following WEF Davos) and others about common business issues and the future development of the Oyo Tolgoi mine (Rio Tinto / Ivanhoe)
7	CHINA	3 – 8 Nov 08	6	Third official visit to develop relationships and to discuss business issues. - Visited Shanghai, Wuhan, Chengdu and Beijing. - Meeting with Vice Premier Wang Qishan, Mayor of Beijing and Chairman of the China Investment Corporation
8	SWITZERLAND	28-31 Jan 09	3	- Attended World Economic Forum in Davos
9	RUSSIA	17-18 Feb 09	2	- Held talks with President Medvedev during a visit to Sakhalin for the official opening of the Sakhalin LNG Terminal, also attended by the PM of Japan and the Minister for Energy from Holland
10	MONTENEGRO	5-6 Mar 09	2	- Call on President. - Met Mayor of Budva and Minister of Foreign Affairs. - Called on Prime Minister.
11	MIDDLE EAST II			<i>Promoting British business, financial services and advanced engineering</i>

	Saudi Arabia	14-16 Mar 09	3	<p>Riyadh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met the Minister of Commerce and Industry - Called on BAe Systems, Kingdom Holdings <p>Jeddah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met British business representatives
	Kuwait	17-18 Mar 09	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Called on HH The Amir - Received BT, AMEC, the Kuwait Investment Authority, Minister of Commerce and Governor of Central Bank
	Bahrain	19-20 Mar 09	2	<p>Attended the Middle East Oil Show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Called on Economic Development Board -Received Minister of Finance