

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Summer 2007 edition of Infocus UK/Syria



The Government is focusing on finding alternative strands to support the development of the economy and reforming structures to attract Foreign Direct Investment



With this as focus, the Trade Team in Damascus are concentrating on Oil and Gas, the Financial Sector, Healthcare, Construction and Transport Infrastructure and Education as key sectors for development of UK trade and consultancy in Syria.



My thanks to contributors to this issue of In focus UK/Syria from UK companies working in the market, the EU and Syrian companies for their perspectives on oil and gas, the financial sector, transport infrastructure, transportation and education. The UK is making its mark and there are increasing opportunities.

We also feature British Embassy support to work in skills development- The Inquirer Award for investigative journalism and celebrations among former Chevening Scholars and Fellows. And support for the enhancement of the role of religious leaders in socio-economic development.



For our Syrian readers we include some articles on British contributions to tackling the problem of global warming and on top UK companies who added value to UK trade.

Enjoy the snapshot of UK/Syria trade!

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Photos from the Charity Camel Trek - see Page 14