

PRIME MINISTER ATTENDS BRIEFING BREAKFAST

During his recent visit to the Kingdom, the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, was the guest speaker at a special Saudi British Joint Business Council (SBJBC) breakfast held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Riyadh.

Before a select audience made up of SBJBC members and businessmen from both the Saudi and the British side, he thanked the Chairman of the Board of the Council of Saudi Chambers, Saleh Al Turki and Baroness Symons for the invitation to the Breakfast. He expressed his personal support to the SBJBC in its work to promote bilateral trade and remarked that it was a pleasure and an honour to be in Saudi Arabia for the second time in the year, to renew his friendship with the King.

The Prime Minister followed this by saying that he

was delighted to be in Saudi, and at the Business Breakfast with Lord Mandelson, the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform and so many distinguished business leaders both from Saudi Arabia and the UK.

The British companies represented by the accompanying high level business delegation employ a million people and have a market value of nearly £400 billion – a true sign of the immense significance that we in Britain attach to our trade ties with Saudi Arabia.

Although the main focus of the Breakfast was on business, the Prime Minister indicated that he was also looking to strengthen education and cultural relationships. The Breakfast closed with an exchange of gifts.

