



In April, Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles, the British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, visited the new facilities of the Saudi Development & Training Company (SDT) in Riyadh. SDT has recently moved to a new purpose-built training centre to the north of the city. The visitors were received at SDT by Mr. Paul Dugan, the Chief Executive of the company and a number of high level company officials.

SDT OPENS NEW FACILITY



The visit started with a power-point presentation detailing the company's extensive range of human resource solutions, education, training and assesment programmes and was followed by a tour of the leading-edge facilities, including fully equipped multi-media classrooms, mechanical and electrical workshops and a full range of student support services.



Sir Sherard, who was accompanied by Peter Millman, the new Head of the Commercial Section in Riyadh, was given a full briefing on the company's capabilities which was originally established under the auspices of the Economic Offset Programme to assist with technology transfer in the area of manpower development.



SDT is a Saudi British joint venture company between Khalifa Algosaiibi Holdings and BAE SYSTEMS and has already established itself as a market place leader in designing and delivering a comprehensive portfolio of internationally accredited training programmes across a wide spectrum of engineering related subjects.

Sir Sherard expressed his admiration for the work already being done and suggested that in his opinion the need for the services offered by SDT could only grow.

Commenting on future expansion, Mr Dugan advised that plans were already in hand to extend the facility by within the next two years. He also mentioned that the company was reaching out to other Gulf countries where a number of clients were already receiving assistance with their training requirements.

"As an ISO registered company" he said, " our future customers can have confidence that our solutions will be reliable, consistent and have a commitment to quality".