

## SABB RECEPTION FOR NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR



The Saudi British Bank (SABB) held a reception in May at the Riyadh Equestrian Club to bid farewell to Mr David Hodgkinson, Managing Director, (Above Centre) and to welcome Mr Geoff Calvert as SABB's new Managing Director.

Sheikh Abdullah Mohammed Al Hugail, Chairman of the Bank (pictured Left), welcomed the invitees who included a number of officials, customers and journalists, and said, "The Bank is happy to have Mr

Geoff Calvert to head it. The wealth of experience he has in his career including four years in Riyadh/Jeddah previously will benefit SABB and assist him in building up the Bank operations still further."

He also thanked Mr Hodgkinson, who had contributed to maintaining SABB at the forefront of Saudi Banking since joining in September 1999.

Mr Calvert joined the HSBC Group in 1974 and has worked in various capacities in a number of countries around the world including Saudi Arabia.

He served with SABB from 1991 - 1995 in Central and Western Provinces - where he headed as Area General Manager. He holds a strong track record and a number of high qualifications, which includes Masters Degree in Islamic History/Arabic.

Other guests at the reception included several RGBB members and Sir David Gore-Booth, a former Ambassador to the Kingdom who is now an advisor to the HSBC Banking Group.

In June, Geoff Calvert hosted a business lunch for visitors on the ITIM Mission to Saudi Arabia, led by another former Ambassador, Sir Alan Munro. Discussions over lunch were wide ranging and demonstrated the strength and depth of continuing Saudi/British business relations.



### **GEOFFREY PETER STEWART CALVERT**

Geoff is married with one 20yr old daughter and in addition to his Masters Degree he is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Between 1974 and 1988 he served in various capacities in the Yemen Arab Republic, Oman, Qatar and the UAE as well as briefly in Hong Kong.

His placement as Managing Director follows consistently high performance standards throughout his career. According to bio-details supplied by the Bank, he has instilled his commitment, decisiveness and determined approach to good effect with the Northern Division of HSBC. In Korea he developed a personal banking function within the existing business and was the Group's chief driving force throughout the negotiations for the potential acquisition of Seoul Bank.

