

19 February 2014

Invitation for the David Lidington MP Visit Programme, 25 February 2014

Dear UK-Turkey HE and Industry Partnership Programme Partner,

British Council and Gazi University cordially invite you to the ***UK Minister for Europe, Right Honourable David Lidington MP - Ankara Visit Programme*** on 25 February 2014, Tuesday at Gazi University, Technology Faculty Conference Room.

The Minister will give a talk for researchers, students and senior academics in the science, innovation and research fields with strong UK connections about current UK-Turkey cooperation and to outline his vision to increase this cooperation.

With kind participation of Council of Higher Education (YÖK), the session with the Minister will include the announcement of the publication celebrating the UK-Turkey Higher Education Industry Partnership programme.

We would be honoured if you would be able to participate in this programme.

We would be grateful if you could advise Ms. Hande Diker
(hande.diker@britishcouncil.org.tr / 0212 355 56 34) of your availability by Friday, 21 February 2014.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Director Turkey

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APPENDIXES PROGRAMME

25 February 2014, Tuesday

Gazi University, Technology Faculty Conference Room

- 15.45 Arrival and Greetings at Gazi University*
- 16.05 Welcome address by **Prof Dr Süleyman Büyükberber**, Rector Gazi University
- 16.10 Remarks and address by **Prof Dr Gökhan Çetinsaya**, President, Council of Higher Education Turkey (tbc)
- Turkey is fast emerging in the field of internationalising Higher Education
 Celebrating UK and Turkey Higher Education Relations with the production of the
 publication UK Turkey Higher Education – Industry Partnership Programme
- 16.20 Talk by **Rt. Hon. David Lidington**, MP, UK Minister for Europe
- UK's perspective on science and innovation and international collaborations and the
 opportunities for collaborations through collaborative programmes, research and
 mobility
 Celebrating the existing links with Turkey in through higher education, research and
 innovation and outlining a vision for further co-operation.
- 16.45 Question and answer session
- 17.10 End of the session

**Please kindly be informed that due to the security, the gates of the venue and the registration will be closed at 16.00*

Biography of Right Honourable David Lidington MP, Minister of State for Europe



David Lidington was appointed Minister of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) on 14 May 2010. He was elected to Parliament in 1992 and is the Conservative MP for Aylesbury.

Education: David was educated at The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge where he studied history.

Political career: David was elected Member of Parliament for Aylesbury in 1992 and has held a number of positions including Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland from 2003 to 2007 and Shadow Minister for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs from 2007 to 2010.

Career outside politics: David worked for BP and Rio Tinto – Zinc Corporation (RTZ) before spending 3 years as Special Advisor to Douglas Hurd in the Home Office and Foreign Office.

Minister of State for Europe: The minister is responsible for European issues and NATO at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. Responsibilities include: European Union, Europe, including Balkans, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Russia, South Caucasus, Central Asia, NATO and European Security, OSCE and Council of Europe, FCO relations with Parliament.

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