



AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHEON

Tuesday 4th December 2007

H.E. Mr Yigit Alpogan
Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey

H.E. Mr Yigit Alpogan has been Turkish Ambassador to the UK since July this year. He previously served as the first civilian Secretary General of the National Security Council of Turkey. He has also been Ambassador to Turkmenistan and Greece.

The Turkish economy has one of the highest growth rates in the OECD, and is among the top 10 emerging markets attracting over \$20 billion FDI in 2006. Turkey enjoys a Customs Union with the EU, and is negotiating for full EU membership. Much progress has been made in modernising the economy and the financial sector. British exports to Turkey in 2006 totalled £2.5bn, well beyond that to Saudi Arabia. Turkey also acts as an important bridge to business in Central Asia and the Middle East, where Turkish contactors are very active. The Turkish British Business Council identified many opportunities for cooperation at its recent meeting in Istanbul, and the Turkish Investment Promotion Agency is about to open a London office.

The customary form at these luncheons is to assemble at 12.30 pm at Bury House for pre-lunch drinks, sitting down for lunch at 1.00 pm. To enable our guest of honour to meet as many delegates as possible, we ask that you sit at a different table for each course. During coffee, the Ambassador will talk for 15 – 20 minutes and then takes questions, concluding at about 2.45 pm. The charge per delegate will be £47.00 (inc. VAT) for MEA Members and £54.00 (inc. VAT) for Non-members. Those wishing to attend this lunch should complete and return the tear-off slip below to Jacqui Marshall by **mid-day Monday 12 November**; or e-mail her at jacqui@the-mea.co.uk.

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AMBASSADORIAL LUNCHEON: H.E. Mr Yigit Alpogan, 12.30 for 1.00 pm on Tuesday 4th December – cheque or credit/debit card details enclosed for £47.00 (for Members) or £54.00 (for non-Members). A £2.00 surcharge will apply for credit cards only. *Cancellations will be accepted up to 48 hours ahead of the event with refund or credit note (upon request). No refund will be made after 48 hours before the event.*

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