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Letter from Chairman of the British-Uzbek Society Dr. Hartley

Dear Member,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2009.

There is so much going on in the Society.

Do look at the Calendar of Events. Please send in your ideas and introduce new members. The advantages are listed in this issue. A new one is a member only subscription rate to Discovery Central Asia publications.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Hartley Booth

Dr. V.E. Hartley Booth

Chairman

A new feature of the British-Uzbek Society Newsletter

Dear Member,

Welcome to the third edition of British-Uzbek Society newsletter.

As newsletter editor, I am delighted to announce in this issue the introduction of a fantastic new feature of the British-Uzbek Society newsletter, namely profiles of our members. This is a great opportunity for the members to demonstrate business development and examples of co-operation between UK and Uzbeki-

stan.

The first member profile is of the corporate member and our excellent international law firm Denton Wilde Sapte. Next month Oxus Gold will be featured.

If members wish to volunteer for a profile please do let me know. We value you and want you to be able to meet each other. There is an excellent network of businesses meeting regularly to discuss various issues. Maybe you have a story you would like to share in our newsletter, or you have a par-

ticular idea for our member's profile.

I believe we can all bring an outstanding value by working together.

With kind regards,

Oybek Turakhanov

Newsletter Editor

DentonWildeSapte... in Uzbekistan

Denton Wilde Sapte is the largest international law firm in Central Asia

"Member's profile"



Richard Barham, Partner

Denton Wilde Sapte LLP is a leading international law firm with over 600 legal staff, including more than 170 partners. It has a strong CIS practice and an active Uzbek office.

The firm's CIS presence is based in its offices in Moscow, Almaty and Tashkent. It also works with an associated firm in St Petersburg and a consultant in Ashgabat.

Denton Wilde Sapte is the largest international law firm in Central Asia. The well-respected Marla Valdez heads both

the Almaty and Tashkent offices. Mouborak Kambarova is the managing lawyer of the Tashkent office.

They are supported in London by our CIS Task Force, chaired by Richard Barham (a Corporate partner), which coordinates the work of our CIS practice. Richard is supported by a number of others in London, including Corporate partner Matt Bonass and Sanjarbek Abdukhalilov, a dually qualified (Uzbek and English) lawyer. Geliya Chukmarova, CIS Marketing Coordinator and also a Russian lawyer, coordinates our CIS marketing activities. Hartley Booth, the chairman of the Uzbek-British Trade and Investment Council, acts as a consultant to the firm.

In Uzbekistan we have extensive experience in oil and gas, mining, ac-

quisitions and disposals, banking and finance, aviation and litigation. Our Uzbekistan office is highly ranked for Corporate/Commercial work by Chambers Global 2007.

In October 2008 we hosted a conference entitled "New opportunities for business in Uzbekistan" at the London offices to promote Uzbek-British business and attract investments to Uzbekistan. Our lawyers Mouborak Kambarova, Sam Boileau and Sanjarbek Abdukhalilov made presentations about the environmental law and clean development mechanisms (CDM) in Uzbekistan. Mouborak advised on the first CDM project in Uzbekistan.

The conference was successful and we understand it has helped to develop a number of potential business leads.

Denton Wilde Sapte LLP



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Rates per annum

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Corporate* | £500 |
| Academic (universities & other academic institutions)* | £100 |
| UBTIC members discounted rate | £300 (for the first year) |
| Individual | £ 15 |
| Concessionary (Students, Pensioners, Etc.) | £ 10 |

* Please note that the first two categories allow the relevant organisations to send up to six people to each of the events.

If you would like to join the Society, please fill out the slip below and return with a cheque made payable to the *British-Uzbek Society* to The Administrator, British-Uzbek Society, Stubbs Hill Farm, Besthorpe, Norfolk, NR17 2LS.

Name

Company name (if applicable)

Address

Postcode

Tel

E-mail

Please delete as appropriate: I / we wish to become a corporate / academic / individual / discounted member of the Society. I / we enclose a cheque made payable to the *British-Uzbek Society* of £500 / £300/ £100 / £15 / £10.

If you are a corporate / academic member, please list the names of those people you wish to nominate as members of the Society

As for the **membership benefits** - first of all, the Society helps businessmen to expand their business networking through participating in the events organised by the Society. Another benefits is discounted rates for Uzbek flights, hotels and "Discovery" publications. We are currently looking into other discounts that might become available to members in the future but this is ongoing at this time.

Membership benefits

Society website under construction

The good news!

The Society will soon have a website. This is going to be a very interesting and useful source of infor-

mation. Every month we will bring to your attention the latest news from UK and Uzbekistan.

On the website we will try to post something different, exciting and easy to read.

Included in the draft are the following two photos and a screenshot of the future website. Why not have a look and think about photos you would like to see on the website. If any member has any better contribution, please email it to me, I

would love to receive it from you. Remember, this newsletter is yours!

With best wishes,
Oybek Turakhanov
Newsletter Editor

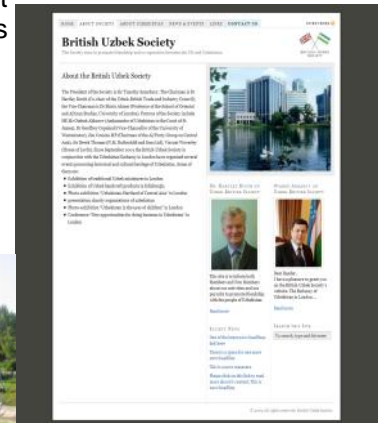


Bukhara The Kalan Minaret (47m high) and Arab Medressa

<http://www.travelchampion.com/world-travel-photos.htm>



Tashkent The Oliy Majlis (the supreme representative body)



Society's Planned Events for 2009

We are in the process of planning events for 2009 at this time and we are hoping that these will include an Uzbek film evening, presentation of the "Open Central Asia" publication by Nick Rowan of the "Discovery", the opening of the first Uzbek restaurant in London, music and photo exhibition events and the annual Independence Day celebration, as well as others.

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Events in Uzbekistan

Achievement in children's sport

In January the achievement of Uzbek children's sporting prowess was reviewed. This was part of the Trustees meeting of the President's Trust to promote and develop opportunities for children in sport. The Trust's object is to raise standards for children's sport to a world class level.

To this end, in Uzbekistan the number of major sport facilities has risen from 97 to 186 since the President's Decree on Children's Sport in 2002. Aid was given to children from poorer homes. Free sports clothing worth 2million Soums (GBP 916) was distributed. Even new

sports such as mini soccer have been introduced.

Efforts by the young in sport have led by stages to Olympic medals. At Beijing one Gold, two Silver and three Bronze medals were achieved. In Asia Uzbekistan has had excellent results particularly in football and athletics.

President Karimov, while commending these successes requested more focus on opportunities for girls in sport and he saw sport in the context of wider child health.

Year of youth ends

Sport, music and art were major components of the 2008 Year of

Youth in Uzbekistan's programme.

2.8million young people were recently reported as being actively involved in sport.

A new education plan was announced during the year for a six year period to 2014. This will produce new art and music schools that will cater for 690,000 students.

The Government of Uzbekistan also announced at the end of the Year of Youth that 97% of school leavers and 95% of graduates from professional colleges gained employment. A major effort has been put in to achieving this including the holding of 940 labour Fairs.



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**International year
of astronomy**

A British-Uzbek Society was founded by a group of prominent people in the UK, including business, academic and artistic communities and with the support of the Embassy of Uzbekistan in London in 2001.

The Society aims to promote friendship and cooperation between the UK and Uzbekistan in such fields as business, education and the arts. It is involved in different activities such as organising exhibitions, lectures, visits or joint projects in the field of art and cultural development.

The Chairman is Dr. Hartley Booth (Co-chair of the Uzbek-British Trade and Industrial Council), the Vice-Chairman is Dr. Shirin Akiner (Professor of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London).

Patrons of the Society include HE Otabek Akbarov (Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the Court of St. James), Dr Geoffrey Copland, Jim Cousins MP, Sir Derek Thomas, Viscount Waverley,

Corporate Members: British-American Tobacco, Denton Wilde Sapte, Oxus Gold, Wakefield Inspection Services Ltd., and Uzbekistan Airways.

Academic Members: University of Birmingham and University of Westminster.

Uzbekistan active participant of International year of astronomy

The year 2009 was announced the International year of astronomy (IYA) by the General Assembly of United Nations Organization. This year the world celebrates the 400th anniversary of the telescope creation by the outstanding Italian scientist Galileo. The invention initiated amazing astronomical discoveries caused the scientific revolution which deeply influenced upon our world outlook. In connection with this significant date Italian astronomers and International astronomy union spoke with the initiative of the conduction of the International year of astronomy. This initiative was approved by the UNO.

The International year of astronomy started on January 1, 2009 and its opening's official ceremony called to attract the community's attention to astronomy problems will take place on January 15 and 16 in Paris. Leading scientists and Nobel laureates will speak there; video transmission of speeches of scientists working in distant observatories will be organized.....

Within the IYA-2009 it is planned to prepare an exposition and open the Museum of astronomic instruments of the 19th century in the Astronomic institute – the oldest scientific institution of Uzbekistan. The museum's visitors

will be able to familiarize themselves with unique instruments and appliances, learn about observations and discoveries made with their help.

It is planned to open the Educational astronomic observatory of the National university of Uzbekistan named after M. Ulugbek in Parkent, on the territory of SPU Physics-Sun. It is created together with Astronomic institute and National University and will be equipped with 50 centimetres" professional telescope. This instrument is already ready for installation.

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