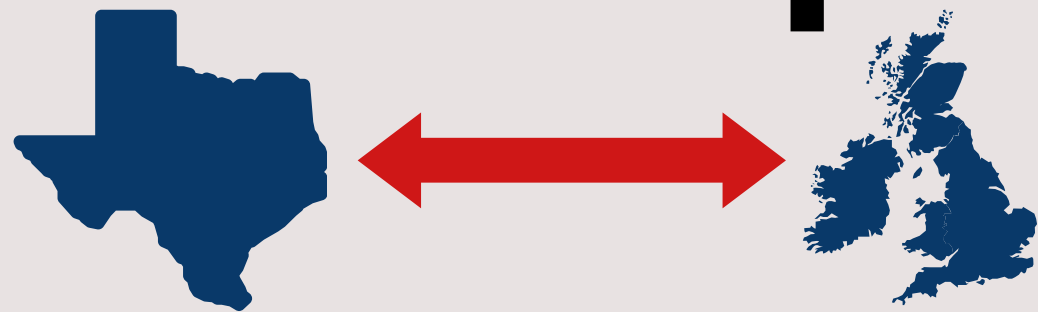


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# UK/London International Business Mission Recap



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# United Kingdom International Facts



**The United Kingdom leads all nations for the number of foreign direct investment projects in Texas, and Texas is No.1 among the states for exports to the United Kingdom.**



**In 2023, Texas trade with the United Kingdom totaled \$18.2 billion, making them the state's ninth largest total trade partner.**



**In the last decade, companies from the United Kingdom have invested \$8.6 billion in capital investment through 326 projects in Texas, creating more than 18,200 Texas jobs.**

# Statement of Mutual Cooperation Signing



Governor Greg Abbott signed a Statement of Mutual Cooperation with United Kingdom Secretary of State for Business and Trade Kemi Badenoch to deepen the strong partnership between the United Kingdom and Texas. The signing ceremony took place at 10 Downing Street, the historic residence of British prime ministers since 1735.

*Pictured from L-R: Sarah Perot, Adriana Cruz, Ross Perot Jr., SOS Jane Nelson, Aaron Demerson, First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Sir Conor Burns, RT Hon Greg Hands, HMA Karen Pierce, Katherine Atwood, Governor Greg Abbott, SOS Kemi Badenoch*

# Meeting with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak



Following the signing, Governor Abbott met with United Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Secretary of State Jane Nelson, Executive Director of Economic Development & Tourism Adriana Cruz and Sir Conor Burns. The Governor and the Prime Minister discussed their commitment to a deepening of the already-strong cultural and economic relationship between the people of Texas and the United Kingdom.



# Meeting with Former Prime Minister David Cameron



Later at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the Governor met with the former Prime Minister, the Right Honorable Lord David Cameron, currently the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs.



# UK-Texas Business Reception



Hosted by Secretary Badenoch, the Governor attended an evening reception with business and government leaders from the UK and was joined by First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Secretary of State Jane Nelson, the Governor's Economic Development & Tourism Office Executive Director Adriana Cruz, and Texas Economic Development Corporation President & CEO Aaron Demerson. The Governor addressed the Statement of Mutual Cooperation, and also highlighted UK small businesses that are presently selling their products located in Texas-based Central Markets.



# Visiting the Former Texas Embassy



Prior to the British Petroleum meeting, Governor Abbott & the Texas team visited the site of the former Republic of Texas Embassy at 4 St. James Street in London.

The former embassy is memorialized by a building plaque that reads: "Texas Legation. In this building was the legation for the ministers from the Republic of Texas to the Court of St. James 1842-1845. Erected by the Anglo-Texan Society."

*Pictured from L-R: Bonnie Downs, Shirley Temple, SOS Jane Nelson, Governor Abbott, Dale Robertson, Adriana Cruz, Renae Eze, Aaron Demerson*

# Meeting with British Petroleum



Governor Abbott met with British Petroleum (BP) Executive Vice President William Lin and other members of the company's leadership team at BP international headquarters. During the meeting, the Governor touted Texas' position as a global energy leader and discussed ways BP and Texas can work together to encourage more energy trade and more job-creating business investments in the Lone Star State.

*Pictured from L-R: Aaron Demerson, Brad Fernandez, SOS Jane Nelson, William Lin, Governor Greg Abbott, Adriana Cruz, Brett Clanton, Shirley Temple, Mohamed Hussein*





# Keynote at The Margaret Thatcher Centre



Governor Greg Abbott celebrated conservative, pro-economic growth values shared between the United Kingdom and Texas at The Margaret Thatcher Centre in London. Delivering the Seventh Ronald Reagan Lecture, the Governor's speech at The Margaret Thatcher Centre was received with a standing ovation. In addition, Sir Conor Burns was presented with an Honorary Texan Proclamation by Governor Abbott.



# Thank You!

- 10 Downing St. Team
- Secretary of State for Business and Trade Office
- Foreign, Commonwealth, & Development Office
- Lancaster House
- Office of The Rt. Hon. Sir Conor Burns MP
- British Petroleum
- Margaret Thatcher Centre
- Office of the Governor
- Texas Secretary of State Office
- Economic Development & Tourism Office
- Department of Public Safety

