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China's rise is one of the most significant developments of our time. As China becomes one of the great trading nations of the world, it is vital that we strengthen further our commercial links in both directions. The UK is already the biggest European investor in China. Our fastest growing trading partner is China. And at the UK-China Summit in February 2009 we set a target to double UK exports to China from £5bn to £10bn by 2010. The UK is also the top destination for Chinese investment in Europe. But we can and should do more.

British companies and enterprises are in a good position to increase their trade and investment in China. We have manufacturers who produce innovative, world-class goods and our services sector leads the world. We have strength in many areas of growing Chinese demand from energy and environmental technologies, finance and insurance, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, advanced and precision engineering, ICT and creative industries.

The China-Britain Business Council working together with UK Trade and Investment is strategically placed to support UK businesses working with China. Expert advice, information and services are available for UK companies whether you are making your first trip or are more established in China and looking to expand your business there. The business relationships developed by members of the China-Britain Business Council will benefit both our economies for many years to come.

Gordon Brown

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