

[Press release: FCO Minister addresses the Latin American Investment Forum](#)

Speaking at the seventh edition of the annual Latin American Investment Forum in London today (19 October), the Rt Hon Sir Alan Duncan MP, Minister of State for the Americas said:

The UK Government is committed to promoting economic development across Latin America and is proud to be taking a leading role in facilitating that alongside British businesses.

With projects in sectors such as infrastructure, fintech and energy, the UK will continue to work in close partnership with governments throughout the region to strengthen our ties, support our shared economic interests and join forces on vital global issues.

Further information

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- using British Sign Language to and raising awareness of hate crime with deaf and deafened people

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News story: China IP Roadshow: 2018

The UK Intellectual Property Office is holding an intellectual property roadshow run by Tom Duke, the UK's IP Attaché to China.

The annual China IP roadshow will run from 1 to 7 November and this year will visit Cardiff, Bristol, Guilford and London.

Based in the British Embassy Beijing, Tom supports hundreds of UK companies each year to protect and enforce IP in China. He will draw on this experience to provide practical advice on a range of ventures in and with China. This includes exporting, manufacturing, investment, collaborative research, technology licensing and creative collaboration.

China IP Roadshow events are open to large and small business, and cover all industry sectors. The events will cover all major aspects of IP: patents, trade marks, designs, copyright and trade secrets. All sessions will be interactive with opportunities to comment, ask questions and network with other participants. 1-2-1 meetings with Tom and IPO staff are available at several events.

The dates and locations for each city are provided below, along with links to further information and registration pages. All events are free of charge.

Thursday 1 November 2018

In partnership with Welsh Government, the China IP Roadshow will begin with an event in Cardiff.

Cardiff

- time/date: 8am to 10:30am
- venue: Sophia Gardens
- title: Succeeding in China: How to Mitigate Intellectual Property Risk
- suitable for: Companies of all sizes and in all sectors.
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available.

Friday 2 November 2018

The China IP Roadshow will visit Bristol for an event held in partnership with Enterprise Europe Network South West, Innovate UK, China-Britain Business Council and Department for International Trade.

Bristol

- time/date: midday to 2:30pm
- venue: Leigh Court Business Centre
- title: Succeeding in China: How to Mitigate Intellectual Property Risk
- suitable for: Companies of all sizes and in all sectors.
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available.

Monday 5 November 2018

In partnership with Enterprise M3 and M3 Growth Hub, the China IP Roadshow will be hosting an event at the University of Surrey, Guilford.

Guilford

- time/date: 9:30am to midday
- venue: University of Surrey
- title: Succeeding in China: How to Mitigate Intellectual Property Risk
- suitable for: Companies of all sizes, with a particularly relevance for those in high technology sectors
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available.

Wednesday 7 November 2018

In partnership with the China-Britain Business Council, the China IP Roadshow will be running a practical workshop on managing IP risk in UK-China collaborative research and technology commercialisation.

London

- time/date: 2pm to 5:30pm
- venue: China-Britain Business Council office, Victoria

- title: IP in UK-China technology projects
- suitable for: Academic researches and technology transfer offices
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available.

If you require further information on the 2018 China IP Roadshow please contact [Hannah Hunt](#).

[Press release: PM meeting with PM Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore: 18 October 2018](#)



A Downing Street spokesperson said:

“The Prime Minister met with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore ahead of the ASEM opening ceremony. Foreign Office Minister Mark Field also joined.

“The two leaders began by discussing the desire to deepen bilateral trade ties as well as potential UK involvement in the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership – CPTPP.

“They discussed strengthening cooperation between the UK, Singapore and others in Asia to boost shared prosperity and security – including by deepening the UK’s relationship with ASEAN.

“The Prime Minister reiterated the UK’s commitment to upholding the rules based international system, including maritime and regional security in South East Asia.”

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