

# Press release: Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

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Mr Simon Smith CMG has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Mr Simon Smith CMG has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea in succession to Mr Charles Hay MVO, who will be transferring to another Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Smith will take up his appointment during March 2018.

## **Curriculum Vitae**

Full name Simon John Meredith Smith CMG

Married to Sian Rosemary Stickings MBE

Children Two daughters

2016 – present Language training (Korean)

2015 – 2016 FCO, Leader, Review of Buildings Security

2012 – 2015 Kyiv, Her Majesty's Ambassador

2007 – 2012 Vienna, Her Majesty's Ambassador & UK Permanent Representative to the UN

2004 – 2007 FCO, Director, Russia, South Caucasus and Central Asia Directorate /Head of Eastern Department

2002 – 2004 FCO, Head of North East Asia & Pacific Department

1998 – 2002 Moscow, Counsellor (Economic/Commercial)

1997 – 1998 Language training (Russian)

1995 – 1997 FCO, Deputy Head of Southern Europe Department

1994 – 1995 FCO, Speechwriter to the Foreign Secretary

1992 – 1994 FCO, Head of Nuclear Policy Section, Security Policy Department

1989 – 1992 Tokyo, Second Secretary, later First Secretary

1987 – 1989 Language training (Japanese)

1986 – 1987 FCO, Assistant Desk Officer, East Africa Department

1986 Joined FCO

1981 – 1986 Department of Employment

## Further information