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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Reception to meet H.E. the new British Ambassador to Egypt and Mrs. James Watt and the launch in the UK of "The Copts of Egypt" by Dr. Vivian Ibrahim

The Chairman and Trustees of the British Egyptian Society invite you to a reception in honour of Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs. James Watt, on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011** in The Waterloo Room of the Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED, **from 6.00pm until 8 pm**. The Dress Code is Lounge Suit.

H.E. Mr. James Watt, CVO was appointed Ambassador to Lebanon in 2003, and in 2006 Ambassador to Jordan, his current posting. He will be accompanied to Cairo by his wife, Amal, who is Lebanese.

At the same event we will be launching, in the presence of the author, the UK edition of "The Copts of Egypt" by Dr. Vivian Ibrahim. H.E. Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali has commented "*Vivian Ibrahim writes about the Copts of Egypt with clarity. Her book provides a welcome and eloquent insight into the complexity and controversial dynamics of Egyptian inter-communal relations.*"

The events in Egypt this year have been quite extraordinary. After the horror of the bomb attack on the cathedral in Alexandria came the incredible events of the last few weeks all over Egypt with Tahrir Square being at the forefront of every news item on television worldwide.

Our reception is designed to welcome all of Egyptian Society Our Guests of Honour will include Professor Muhammad A.S. Abdel-Haleem, OBE, Professor of Islamic Studies at SOAS and His Grace Bishop Angaelos, Patriarchal Exarch for the Youth Ministry at the Patriarchal Center and the Coptic Orthodox Theological College at Stevenage, United Kingdom.

This will be a very important and celebratory evening, for many reasons, and we do hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. It is important for us to show our love and support for the Egyptian people, and to demonstrate that, in London, the British Egyptian Society is united in its resolve to do everything to encourage what we all hope will be a better future in Egypt.

As we are now a Charity we have to charge for our events and this will be £25 per person. Naturally any additional donation to support our future events would be most gratefully received. I do need to know approximate numbers for catering purposes, and shall be most grateful if you will complete the slip below and return in to me.

Yours sincerely

**Noel Rands**

Honorary Secretary



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I/we shall be able to attend the reception at the Institute of Directors on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and enclose a cheque for £

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