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## THE PRIME MINISTER

I am delighted to welcome delegates to the World Hi-Tech Forum. Your presence during these two days and your continued contribution to this industry is of great importance. In the future, our shared successes will be defined not only by technology and skills but by innovation and global partnership – global businesses using creativity and collaboration to drive development and to find creative new solutions to the challenges we face today.

Today's great challenges and great opportunities span borders and continents – and our response must be in kind. We need to work together to find concerted, collaborative approaches to securing a shared global prosperity.

So I welcome you all, representatives of many nations, to the United Kingdom. Britain stands ready to be a hub of innovation and a focus for partnership across your industries so that together we can face and overcome the challenges of the future.

**Gordon Brown**

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