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Nigel Macdonald's current term, as a Trustee of the National Maritime Museum, is extended until September 2012.

Following a recommendation from Ed Vaizey, the Culture Minister, the Prime Minister has decided to extend the current term of appointment of Nigel Macdonald, who is a serving Trustee of the National Maritime Museum. His term of appointment will now run until 9 September 2012.

Biographical notes

Nigel Macdonald is a Director of Coca-Cola HBC and is a member of the Audit Board of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund. He is also chairman of a retail company and was a senior partner in Ernst and Young for many years, retiring in 2003. He is a past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and was a member of the Cadbury Committee. Until 2005 he was a member of the Competition Commission and from 1992 until 2004 a member of the BSI Board, and Chairman of its Audit Committee. He has not undertaken any party political activity in the last five years.

Notes for Editors

The National Maritime Museum (NMM) is the largest maritime museum in the world. During 2008/09, the NMM welcomed more than 2 million visitors from across the world, its website attracted nearly 10 million users, nearly 15,000 collections related and subject enquiries were answered. Some 308,000 learners participated in educational programmes.. The Museum receives funding from the taxpayer, via Grant-in-Aid, with additional income derived from trading activity and sponsorship. The NMM is an exempt charity and an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB). It has an annual income of some £25 million and a permanent staff of 412, under the Board of Trustees, the Director, and an Executive.

The Museum is unique in the architectural significance and setting of its main buildings. The 17th-century Queen's House was designed by Inigo Jones and is probably the most important early classical building in England. It is the keystone of the historic 'park and place' landscape of maritime Greenwich, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS) in 1997. Flamsteed House (1675 to 76), the original part of the Royal Observatory, was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and was the first purpose-built scientific research facility in Britain.

Trustees of the National Maritime Museum give their services on an honorary basis but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

This appointment extension has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Political activity played no part in the process.