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FCO Press Release: Honours for service to Britain internationally and overseas

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) announces 100 awards in recognition of truly exceptional and outstanding service to Britain internationally and overseas.

The Diplomatic Service and Overseas New Year 2020 Honours List recognises extraordinary people in a range of fields including British business and prosperity, British community and community relations, British nationals overseas, charity and voluntary work, child welfare, combatting slavery, commemorations and veterans, cultural relations, development, education, EU exit, foreign policy, international criminal law, the Overseas Territories, popular culture, science and scientific research, security, stabilisation, trade and investment and women and equality.

Awards go to Steve McQUEEN CBE, Film Director, who receives a Knight Bachelor for his services to art and film. Donna LANGLEY, Chairperson of Universal Film Entertainment Group, receives a DBE for services also to film and entertainment. In addition, 99-year-old Wilfred OLDHAM, of the First Battalion of the Border Regiment, receives an MBE for services to commemorations and UK/Dutch relations. Further information about recipients receiving knighthood level awards on the Diplomatic Service and Overseas List can be found at the end of this press release at annex A.

Sir Simon McDonald, Head of the Diplomatic Service, said:

"I congratulate everyone receiving an honour and thank them for their hard work and years of service. Britain's impact around the world depends on exceptional people like those recognised in this year's Queen's New Year Honours. We are grateful for their outstanding contribution."

Examples of recipients from this honours list include:

Rachel LLOYD

Chief Executive Officer, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services, New York, USA, receives a CMG for services to supporting victims and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Rachel Lloyd is recognised for an exceptional contribution as an activist, advocate and leader in the fight against commercial sexual exploitation of girls and young women. Based in New York, Ms Lloyd has changed the lives of tens of thousands of victims, some as young as 12 years old, by changing the legislative landscape and educating millions of people through her work to raise awareness and her cultural change efforts. Her work has

prevented countless child victims from being prosecuted as criminals, now and in the future. As a victim of commercial sexual exploitation as a child herself in Europe, she travelled to the US having escaped this world, and has dedicated her life to transforming the lives of girls and women (aged 12-24) who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking. In doing so, she has significantly advanced the Government's Modern Slavery agenda, supported vulnerable children from this marginalised community and given them a voice and representation in society, shown her commitment to racial justice and provided the very finest example of values leadership by a British community leader and advocate in the international context.

On learning of her award, Rachel Lloyd said, "*I am incredibly grateful to receive this prestigious honour from Her Majesty the Queen. I'm hopeful that I can use this opportunity to shed more light not only on the global issue of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation but most importantly on the strength, resilience and leadership of survivors*".

Professor Timothy MINTON

Keio University, Japan, receives an OBE for services to UK/Japan relations.

Professor Timothy Minton has, for the last 30 years, made a huge contribution promoting UK/Japan relations not only through his role as a tenured professor at the prestigious Keio University Medical School of Medicine, and previously at Nippon Medical School, but also through his substantial and wide-ranging volunteer activities in support of various bilateral friendship organisations. In 2020, he will end a 6 year term as Executive Director of the Japan British Society, the prime public bilateral organisation for the UK in Japan. In this voluntary role, Professor Minton, in liaison with the UK Embassy and the Imperial Household, has organised a range of annual events, which promote UK culture in Japan, and cement and maintain ties with Japanese nationals and organisations who have an affiliation to the UK. For the last two decades he has also been the Honorary Secretary of the Cambridge and Oxford Society, for alumni of those universities including the new Emperor and other members of the Imperial Family. In this capacity, he has arranged many lectures and social events with visiting heads of colleges and other academics to engage and interact with Japanese universities. Most recently, he was made co-chair of the William Adams Club, which commemorates the first Englishman in Japan, as they prepare for and fund a memorial to be erected in 2020 in the grounds of the British Embassy in Tokyo in honour of Adams on the 400th anniversary of his death.

On learning of his award, Professor Minton said "*The excellent relations enjoyed by the UK and Japan are built on close friendships between many people on both sides. Any contribution I may have made would have been impossible without the support of my wife and friends, both British and Japanese. I humbly accept this award on behalf of all of them*".

Stephen John BALLINGER

Operations Manager, Cleared Ground Demining, Palau, receives an MBE for services to UK/Palau relations

Stephen Ballinger is recognised for an exceptional contribution to UK/Palau relations. Mr Ballinger well known throughout Palau for his work to help reduce the serious threat that land mines and explosive remnants of war pose to local communities and the environment. Using his experience as a former member of the Corps of Royal Engineers, he is the driving force behind the British charity, Cleared Ground Demining which focuses on the humanitarian removal of explosives and land mine clearance. Mr Ballinger has built a team locally and trained them in the removal of unexploded ordnance across the country. Over a period of ten years, he and his dedicated team have cleared over 65,000 items of explosive

remnants of war, many of which have been removed from private properties. In his spare time, he has made a hugely positive impact on wider UK-Palau relations through his spearheading of various charity initiatives that work to support international projects throughout the country.

On learning of his award, Stephen Ballinger said, "*I am highly honoured to receive such an award. One must remember that removing ordnance is a team effort, and I would very much like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women in the team, the Palau Government and the international donors who funded our activities.*"

Janet Deborah BORASTERO

Chairperson of the Gibraltar Disability Society also receives an MBE for services to the disabled community in Gibraltar

Debbie Borastero is recognised for an exceptional and sustained contribution to disabled people in Gibraltar through her 21 years of voluntary involvement with the Gibraltar Disability Society. As a leader, advocate and practitioner, Ms Borastero has transformed the scope, proficiency and compassion with which Gibraltar thinks, respects and acts regarding disability. She has championed the advance of law, shaped Health Authority policy and opened the door to dignity and hope for some of the most disenfranchised members of Gibraltarian society. Due to Ms Borastero's significant efforts over many years, a generation of Gibraltarians have been increasingly freed from being defined by their disability.

On learning of her award, Debbie Borastero said "*I am very honoured to receive such recognition from Her Majesty. I must thank the Committee of the Gibraltar Disability Society, our members and their families and especially my children for their support. It must never be forgotten that everyone deserves to be treated with respect, dignity and equality regardless of their ability.*"

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NOTES ON HIGHER AWARDS

KCMG

Philip Barton CMG OBE

Director General Consular and Security, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. For services to British foreign policy

Philip Barton CMG OBE is recognised for an exceptional contribution in some of the most challenging roles for British diplomacy. He has been responsible for international security issues and the UK response to various crises including leading and co-ordinating the UK response to the Salisbury attack in 2018 and the Caribbean hurricanes in 2017. In his previous role as British High Commissioner to Pakistan, one of the largest British overseas missions in the world, he successfully led a whole-of-government approach with numerous significant achievements across a wide range of sectors, including international development, migration, trade and investment and security.

DBE

Donna Frances Langley-Shamshiri

Chairperson, Universal Film Entertainment Group. For services to film and entertainment

Donna Langley is recognised for her exceptional contribution to the film and entertainment industry as the first British female citizen to lead a major Hollywood studio. As the Chairperson of Universal Film Entertainment Group, she is responsible for the global content strategy and business operations for the motion picture group. Ms. Langley oversees all production, marketing and distribution for film and television content across Universal Pictures, DreamWorks Animation (DWA) and Focus Features; as well as Universal Pictures International and Universal Pictures Home Entertainment. Throughout her life and career, Donna Langley has redefined global popular culture and sought to expand networks and opportunities for women and people of colour in the entertainment industry, while also championing organizations dedicated to providing access, networks and pathways to success, for all people.

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Steve McQueen CBE

Film Director. For services to art and film

Steve McQueen CBE is recognised for his outstanding and sustained contribution to the arts and film industries. Steve McQueen was already a well renowned and respected artist in the field of visual arts (Turner Prize 1999, OBE 2003) when he ventured into directing and producing feature length films in 2008 with his first film Hunger which won the prestigious

Camera D'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. Various projects followed including his second feature length film, Shame, in 2011 before he received worldwide recognition in 2014 including an Academy Award and a BAFTA for the film 12 Years a Slave, which he produced and directed. Since then, Steve McQueen has continued to write and produce art and film, including his two most recent projects Widows (2018) and Year 3 (2019), making a huge impact on both industries.