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PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR OF LEEDS

Whilst on a private visit to Leeds, former Mayor, Tony Lombard, took the opportunity to call on the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Ann Castle and the Mayor's Consort, Graham Castle, and presented the respects and compliments of H.M. Government of Gibraltar to the Mayoral couple .

Over the decades a number of Gibraltarian students have attended both of Leeds' universities and Mr Lombard suggested to the Government that his visit would be an opportunity, formerly and officially, to convey Gibraltar's gratitude for the hospitality and education afforded to Gibraltarians by the city and its universities over the years. The proposal was accepted and Minister Linares arranged for the presentation of a suitably inscribed silver model of the Rock of Gibraltar, upon a wooden plinth, together with a Letter of Appreciation.

In his letter, Minister Linares extended to the Lord Mayor and the Municipality of Leeds: '.... the respects and compliments and all good wishes of Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, together with those of my own, as the Minister for Culture, with special responsibility for the Mayoralty of Gibraltar...'.

The Minister also expressed Gibraltar's deep gratitude for, '.. the welcome and support, which the City of Leeds has always given Gibraltarian students, who, over very many decades, have had the enormous privilege and pleasure of undertaking their university education, at both the universities in Leeds, and amongst which group, I am proud to count myself and my wife ...'.

'Leeds is especially and intrinsically linked with our community,' added Minister Linares. 'And it is fit and proper that due recognition be given to that special relationship.'

The presentation inscription, upon the silver model of the Rock of Gibraltar, reads:

*Presented
to
The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Leeds
by
Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar,
in appreciation for the cordiality
afforded by the City of Leeds to
Gibraltarian university students,
over the past decades.
July, 2012.
"gratia sempiterna est"*