

**The Master, Clerk, Wardens and Past Master
of the Worshipful Company of World Traders**

**The Master, Wardens, Immediate Past Master and Clerk
of the Worshipful Company of Engineers**

**The Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, Deputy Clerk and
Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Marketors**

**The Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Clerk
of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers**

**The Master, Wardens and Clerk
of the Worshipful Company of Educators**

**The Master, Wardens, and Clerk
of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen**

**The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Honorary
Treasurer, Past Chairman and Members of the Broad Street Ward Club**

**The Master, Warden, Past Masters and Court Assistants
of the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers'**

May I thank each and every organisation, and each and every member, who so kindly gave Elisabeth and me these most generous and thoughtful gifts. This afternoon at Guildhall is made special not just by gifts, but by the time, the attention, and the kindness of everyone coming here today to make presentations in person.

Elisabeth and I will cherish these gifts and use them during this year, working with you to make our City stronger. As you know my theme for the year is 'Connect To Prosper', celebrating the Knowledge Miles of the Square Mile, the World's Coffee House. We most definitely appreciate the friendship and support they represent. They are an enormous boost to our spirit and, in turn, increase the connections among us. We will continue to look to you for help, guidance, and connections in the year in office that now lies ahead.

Please do convey to the Liverymen, Freemen, and Members of your respective bodies our warmest thanks and sincere appreciation of these delightful expressions of goodwill. They will be a constant reminder of you, and the obligation to serve you, in this coming year and beyond. Thank you.

