## Consular Luncheon with Senior PSNI Officials

## 23 May 2012

**Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND:** The Consular Association/Corps of Northern Ireland (CA-NI) held a luncheon for its Members with guest speakers Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) Judith Gillespie OBE, Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) George Hamilton and Superintendant Alan Skelton at the Ramada Plaza, Shaw's Bridge.



(C): DCC Judith Gillespie OBE, ACC George Hamilton and Superintendant Alan Skelton with Members of the Consular Association of Northern Ireland (CA-NI)

Discussion focused around the themes of hate crime, trafficking, trends, minority ethnic communities and specific issues, policing in the community, 2013 Police and Fire Games, and improving the engagement between CA-NI and the PSNI. It was also highlighted that with devolution to fully utilise the various Consuls, being official representatives of their foreign government/country and Nationals within Northern Ireland.

The Consular Association of Northern Ireland serves all Foreign Consular Officials (Career and Honorary) in Northern Ireland, with 32 countries formally accredited to Northern Ireland through their "Sending State's" Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the "Receiving State" - Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the UK.

The objectives of CA-NI are to bring its Members together in close and friendly co-operation, for the development and protection of their mutual interests, as well as, representing the Consular

Association to Government Departments, other central/local authorities, and internationally within the framework of Consular activities.

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