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**LUKOIL AND THE MOSCOW KREMLIN MUSEUMS INAUGURATE AN
EXHIBITION IN LONDON**

Today Gilbert Collection Museum (London) and the Moscow Kremlin Museums are opening an exhibition, named “Britain and Moskova: English silverware at the czar’s court.”

The exhibition displays some rare items from the Moscow Kremlin Museums Collection, which represent the major stages of the Russian-British relationship formation during the period of more than 150 years – starting from the Ivan the Terrible times up to the epoch of Peter the Great.

Recently several exhibitions were organized with the active support of LUKOIL in the Moscow Kremlin, namely: “Russian coat-of-arms – 500 years” (1997), “Christy and LUKOIL in Moscow” (1997), “The relics of Siberia” (2000), “German silverware masterpieces in the Kremlin” (2002), “Russia-Britain. For the 500 jubilee of the establishing diplomatic relations” (2003), “Ambassadors’ gifts to the Russian czars” (2005).

LUKOIL and the Moscow Kremlin Museums began to realize the conjoint program, related to the organization of educating exhibitions in the Russian regions. The first exhibition of this sort named “The czar’s and emperor’s hunting in the epoch of XVII-XVIII” was held in 2004-2005 in Perm, the second one is currently held in Nijny Novgorod”.

“The opening of the exhibition in London is the successful continuation of our fruitful cooperation with the Moscow Kremlin Museums in the area of Russian history and art promotion, both in Russia and abroad,” – Vagit Alekperov, President of LUKOIL, said at the inauguration ceremony.