

## Ajay Sharma

Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the State of Qatar



Mr Ajay Sharma was appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the State of Qatar in November 2015. He succeeded Mr Nicholas Hopton. Ajay Sharma earlier served as the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) Head of Iran department and non-resident Chargé d'affaires to Iran. He played a role in the recent Iran nuclear negotiations and was involved in the reopening of the British Embassy in Tehran in August 2015. He has had previous diplomatic postings in Paris, Ankara and Moscow.

### **Curriculum Vitae**

2012 – 2015	FCO Head of Iran Department, followed by Non-resident, then resident Chargé d'affaires to Iran
2008 – 2012	Paris, Deputy Head of Mission
2007 – 2008	Tehran, Deputy Head Mission
2007	Language training (Farsi)
2005 – 2007	FCO, Deputy Head of Security Policy Department
2003 – 2005	Ankara, Head of Political Section
2002 – 2003	Moscow, Head of Economic Section
2001 – 2002	Language training (Russian)
2000 – 2001	Secondment to Her Majesty's Treasury
1997 – 2000	Ankara, Second Secretary Political
1996 – 1997	Language training (Turkish)
1995 – 1996	FCO, Desk Officer Hungary & Slovakia, European Department