

Sir Rob Young GCMG

Date and place of birth: 21 February 1945 Norwich, United Kingdom.

1953-63 Norwich School

1963-67 University of Leicester. Master's degree in French (1st class Honours).

1967 Joined the Foreign Office

1967-68 Assistant Desk Officer West Africa

1968-70 Centre for Arab Studies, Lebanon

1970-72 Third Secretary, British Embassy, Cairo

1972-74 Desk Officer, Middle Eastern Department

1974-76 Private Secretary, Minister of State's Office

1976-77 Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Paris (Pierre Mendés-France Graduation Class)

1977-81 First Secretary, British Embassy, Paris (foreign and defence policy)

1981 -83 Assistant, Western European Department

1983-86 Counsellor, British Embassy, Damascus

1987-91 Head of the Middle Eastern Department

1991 -94 Minister, British Embassy, Paris

1994-95 Deputy Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office (Eastern Europe, Middle East)

1995-98 Deputy Under Secretary of State and Chief Clerk, Foreign Office (Administration, Consular Affairs, Immigration, Press)

1999-2003 British High Commissioner (=Ambassador) in New Delhi. Retired since 2003

1999 Appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael & St George (KCMG)

2003 Promoted Knight Grand Cross (GCMG)

Current activities:

Chairman, Calcutta Tercentenary Trust (cultural projects in Calcutta)

Commissioner, Commonwealth War Graves (manages the cemeteries containing the tombs of Commonwealth soldiers from both Wars)

Chairman, Advisory Board, iC2 Capital (London-based private equity fund)

Director, Hirco plc (new town developer in India)

Member, Honorary Committee, Raj Loomba Trust (education of children of widows in India)