

We have always relied on you

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As an economic ambassador himself, it seemed entirely appropriate that Prince Guillaume, heir to the throne of the Grand Duchy, should address the combined gala dinner of the International Chambers of Commerce. "Your presence here is vital. It has helped an economy take the correct direction at a crossroads and become vibrant and dynamic." Prince Guillaume addressed the 350 or so guests of the 10 international chambers of commerce present in Luxembourg at the gala dinner held in the New Conference Centre, Kirchberg on Tuesday 29 November.

"Our country, through your help, has created entrepreneurs and workers. It has innovated and advanced beyond any apparent potential from a history of coal and steel, manufacturing and then financial services." The prince continued: "We are still facing a difficult time and increased competition. It has been my great honour to represent Luxembourg in myriad economic missions throughout the world, but the task that awaits us is not a simple one. It is vital that our country remains at the business forefront, both from the technological and legislative perspectives, and that we continue to support and welcome those companies that have decided to set up operations here."

"Luxembourg must keep its doors open to foreign workers, who enhance our community with their know how, their excellence and their international experience. These are the people who will help us overcome the obstacles that face us now. As members of international chambers of commerce, you ... are the greatest ambassadors this country has and we owe you, your families, your associates and your colleagues our most heartfelt and sincerest thanks."

