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PRESS RELEASE

Toby Manning, of Newtown Linford, is going to Korea next week to play Go.

He has been invited to represent the UK in the Korean Prime Minister's Cup, one of the most prestigious Go tournaments in the World.

Go Players from over 60 countries in the World will take part on the competition, playing 6 games over 2 days on 27 and 28 October.

Toby Manning said: "It is a great honour to be the UK representative, although I have to be realistic about my chances. I expect the winner to come from one of the top far eastern countries of Japan, China or Korea: they are head and shoulders above the rest of the World. My objective is to win at least 4 out of my 6 games."

Note to Editors

Go is one of the top world mind sports: it was one of the 5 mind sports (along with Bridge, Chess, Draughts and Chinese Chess) played at the First and Second World Mind Sports Games. Toby was non-playing captain of the British team at the First World Mind Sports Games, held in Beijing in 2008.

About Toby Manning

Toby is an electrical engineer living in Newtown Linford, about 7 miles north of Leicester. He is married, with no children. He first learned to play Go at Cambridge University, and has been playing competitively for over 40 years. He has reached 3 dan (level 3 on the master scale).

Toby is available for interviews or photographs on Tuesday 23 October and Wednesday 24 October (morning). Please contact him on 07798 825299.

Some photographs of Toby playing Go are available at [website address]. The photographs (high resolution jpegs) may be used freely without attribution.

About the British Go Association (BGA)

The BGA is the governing body for Go in the UK. It is a democratic and entirely voluntary organisation. It organises about 30 Go tournaments across the country every year, including the British Championship and the British Open. See <u>www.britgo.org</u>.