

Press
release



CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

University Printing House
Shaftesbury Road
Cambridge CB2 8BS, UK

www.cambridge.org

Telephone +44 (0)1223 326390
Email pdavison@cambridge.org

11 August 2008

FOR SYNDICATION

CAMBRIDGE WELCOMES ARCHIVE EDITIONS

Cambridge University Press has announced the acquisition of Archive Editions Ltd, a well-established publisher of historical document collections.

The acquisition will give Cambridge's customers unique access to original research on the national heritage and political development of countries around the world.

Archive Editions specialises in publishing primary resources for academic research and political consultation. Areas of expertise include the documentation of state development in the Middle East.

The materials published by Archive Editions are used for the study of boundary formation, claims and disputes in many different geographical areas, and can be found in most of the world's leading libraries.

Recent work at Archive Editions has included 32 volumes on *Minorities in the Middle East* and the first volumes in an extensive programme on political developments in Iran.

Jim Denning, who founded the company 20 years ago, said: "Archive Editions will be joining the Cambridge University Press family, providing stability for the loyal team who have been with us for many years. This change will ensure that we are able to take full advantage of the digital potential of our volumes.

“It is a sign of Cambridge’s forward-thinking approach that they have recognised the international importance of the work that we produce, and want to work with the team here at Archive Editions in developing the content and its delivery.”

Dr Andrew Brown, Managing Director of Academic and Professional Publishing at Cambridge University Press, agrees. “Having Archive Editions as part of the Cambridge family is an important move for us, as it means we can now offer access to really important historical material collated in a manner which facilitates historical research.

“We will be working with the Archive Editions team to develop content which is even more rich and diverse. We will be making all of the material available online as well, to make access even easier.”

The new business will be known as Cambridge Archive Editions and will continue to operate from its base in Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, for the time being.

All Archive Editions titles will be represented and distributed by Cambridge University Press from early October 2008. Until then, customers should continue to order direct from Archive Editions on +44 1753 646633 or by emailing info@archiveeditions.co.uk

ENDS

Notes for Editors:

For further information contact: Peter Davison on 01223 326390. A photo of the contract signing is also available.

About Cambridge University Press

Cambridge University Press is the publishing business of the University of Cambridge, one of the world’s leading research institutions. It is the oldest publisher and printer in the world, having been operating continuously since 1584.

Throughout its history, the Press has maintained a reputation for innovation and enterprise, through its use of printing technologies, through publishing the latest research, and through supporting the latest methodologies for teaching and learning. Its purpose is to advance learning, knowledge and research worldwide. It publishes over 230 journals and 2,500 books annually for distribution in more than 200 countries.

For further information about Cambridge University Press, go to www.cambridge.org

About Archive Editions

Archive Editions is a British company conducting original research in government records and other sources. Its aim is to make available to libraries and scholars historical reference materials which otherwise would remain unknown, dispersed or difficult to access.

The company specialises in the history of the Middle East and produces an extensive collection of resources on the modern political development of the Arabian peninsula and Persian Gulf. Archive Editions also provides material on the Balkans, the Caucasus, South East Asia and the Far East, plus a series of work on tribal and ethnic minorities. Facsimile reproduction ensures the historical authenticity of the original documents.

For further information about Archive Editions, go to www.archiveeditions.co.uk