

**REPORT ON VISIT OF DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY TO THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

A delegation of the National Assembly visited the People's Republic of China between the 1st June, 2004 to the 9th June, 2004 at the invitation of the Chairman of the National People's Congress His Excellency Mr. Wu Bangguo.

The delegation was led by the Speaker. The other members of the National Assembly who comprised the delegation were Hon. Members Mr. Bernard De Santos S.C. (PPP/C), Mr. Vincent Alexander (PNC/R) and Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha (PPP/C).

The delegation visited Shanghai, Hangzhou and Changzhou in the Province in Zhejiang, Nanjing in the Province Jiangsu and Beijing.

The delegation met the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees of the Peoples' Congresses in the Municipalities and Provinces which we visited, officials of the Communist Party of China, Mayors and other officials, and we were received by His Excellency Mr. Wu Bangguo in Beijing.

The delegation and the Government, Party and NPC representatives it met agreed unanimously that the visit will advance our mutual desire to further strengthen relations, including economic relations between our countries and relations between our National Assembly and the National Peoples' Congress of the People's Republic of China.

The delegation noted the remarkable achievements of the People's Republic of China in developing its economy and the welfare of its peoples and explored the possibilities for attracting Chinese investment in Guyana's economy.

The delegation visited development areas, factories, agricultural projects, significant buildings, historical sites, museums, commemorative monuments and tourist attractions. On each visit the delegation was able to see and learn about the developments taking place and about the culture and history of China.

The delegation was graciously received by His Excellency Mr. Wu Bangguo in Beijing and he welcomed us and emphasised the importance of the delegation's visit in the development of relations between Guyana and China and our Parliaments. We thanked His Excellency for his invitation and for the warm and fraternal reception which the delegation received everywhere we went. We also expressed our thanks to all the officials and persons who made such a great effort to ensure our comfort and a successful trip.

We pointed out that China and Guyana enjoy close relations and that China has been very generous in offering various forms of assistance in productive activities and in the health sector. We also noted that China is involved in a major project in Guyana, namely the construction of the Skeldon factory, and that the possibilities existed for even closer co-operation.

We informed His Excellency that the Government and the main political parties in Guyana supported a One China Policy and we had confidence that this would remain so.

After explaining the policy of the Government of the People's Republic of China in relation to Taiwan, His Excellency thanked Guyana for its support.

The delegation expresses its thanks to His Excellency Mr. Wu Bangguo for his invitation to the National Assembly, to the Chairmen and Officials of the National, Provincial and Municipal People's Congress, to the Communist Party of China and its officials who met with the delegation, and all those who contributed in making the visit a success.

The delegation offers special thanks to His Excellency Ambassador Song Tao for facilitating the visit.

8th July, 2004

Hari N. Ramkarran

Speaker