

OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA BY LUKE FOLEY MP

NSW LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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POST MISSION REPORT

MISSION PURPOSE

New South Wales' future economic prosperity is inextricably linked to our relationship with China. China is NSW's largest trading partner, largest source of international students and top international visitor market.

The key objectives of this mission were to:

- Investigate opportunities to advance trade and cooperation in services, agriculture, education, tourism, health and infrastructure investment;
- Acknowledge and advance the 38 year NSW-Guangdong Sister State Relationship;
- Acknowledge the 2013 Memorandum of Understanding between the NSW and the Beijing Provincial Government.
- Meet Chinese business representatives and promote investment in NSW; and
- Further understanding of and friendship with the People's Republic of China.

MISSION DESCRIPTION

Mr Foley visited:

- Beijing
- Henan Province and
- Guangdong Province.

Beijing has the key role in enhancing and developing government and cultural relationships.

Zhengzhou in Henan Province is a centre of advances in the medical industry and healthcare.

Guangzhou is the capital of NSW's sister state of Guangdong and an important educational exchange centre; **Shenzhen** is a major economic zone developing cutting edge technology.

MISSION BACKGROUND

One Belt One Road

The Belt and Road Initiative is a Chinese initiative to promote international co-operation primarily through a land-based 'New Silk Road Economic Belt' and a '21st Century Maritime Silk Road'.

Australia has not formally joined the BRI but had recent engagement, with Federal representation at a BRI forum in Beijing. BRI provides a global context for China's growing economic links with Australia.

Formally, OBOR emphasises five key areas of cooperation:

- coordinating development policies
- forging infrastructure and facilities networks
- strengthening investment and trade relations
- enhancing financial cooperation and
- deepening social and cultural exchanges.

China/Australia Free Trade Agreement

This historic Agreement with our biggest trading partner came into force in December 2015. It is intended to support economic growth, job creation and higher living standards through increased goods and services trade, and investment. With its population of 1.4 billion people and rapidly rising middle class, China presents enormous opportunities for NSW and Australian businesses.

Two-way trade between NSW and China exceeds \$34 billion and has been growing, on average, by nine per cent per year.

KEY OUTCOMES

In Beijing Mr. Foley met with

Mr. Dou Enyong, Acting Minister of International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC), Beijing

IDCPC participants:

Mr. Zhou Rongguo, Deputy Director General

Ms. Wang Yingchun, Division Director

Ms. Jiang Ling, Second Secretary

Mr. Yao Yibo, Assistant Secretary

Ms Zhao Tianming, interpreter

Mr. Foley outlined Labor's policy to increase teaching of second languages, including Chinese languages in NSW primary schools.

China – Australia Think Tank Exchange.

A roundtable meeting with Chinese businesses and the International Cooperation Center, National Development and Reform Commission, Beijing.

Attended by:

Ms. Jiang Ling- Director

Tao Zhen Executive Director, Research Institute of Globalization

Zhou Li and

Yu Lei of Torch High Technology Industry Development Center, Ministry of Science and Technology, China

Business Leaders:

- Huang Yong, Country Director, China GHD

- Hu Boyang, President, Xinya Dongfang Electrical Energy Technologies Co. Ltd.

- Zheng Fuhu, Managing Director, Sinonew Capital Advisory

- Alex Pan, Australian Capital Property Investment Pty Ltd
- Liu Jia, Beijing Beidou TianxunTechnology Co., Ltd
- Gao Chunhai, Traffic Control Technology Co., Ltd.

Organisations:

- Sherry Sun, External Relations (China) Manager, AUSTCHAM
- Ricky Niu, Vice-Chair, Education Industry Forum, AUSTCHAM
- Nie Fengying, Deputy Director, The Center for Agricultural international Research of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- Li Mengxi, Assistant, The Center for Agricultural International Research of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science
- Yu Zunhui, Deputy Director-General, National Medical Research Institute (Beijing) Medical Research Institute
- Geoff Raby, a former Australian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China

Mr. Jing Junhai, Deputy Secretary of the Beijing Municipal Committee re-affirmed the commitment to mutual co-operation between the Beijing Municipal Government and NSW.

The visit included a site tour of the Great Wall of China.

Mr. Foley travelled to Henan Province on the high-speed train from Beijing.

Henan has a population of 107 million people, produces ten per cent of China's agriculture and is leading development in science and technology.

It imports seafood and agricultural produce from NSW. The strong economy has persuaded the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to open ten branches.

In Zhengzhou Mr. Foley met:

- Mr Guo Junfeng, Deputy Director-General, Henan Provincial People's Government
- Mr Chu Yaping- Vice Chairman, People's Congress of Henan Province
- Mr Lin Xianzhai, Director-General, People's Congress of Henan Province
- Mr He Shoufa, Deputy Director-General, Science and Technology Department

- Mr Wang Liangqi, Deputy-General of Health Family Planning Commission
- Mr. Xihua Li, Vice Secretary General of Henan Province (retired)

Mr. Foley visited the biggest public and private hospitals in Zhengzhou – one of which treats 3 million patients a year and is now expanding its tele-medicine facilities, for international medical specialist input. It has 6,300 staff, a significant number of whom studied in Australia.

He toured Henan Provincial People's Hospital, a world leader in the use of stem cells for cardiac regeneration.

He inspected the new International Tele-Medicine Department, training facilities and hospital museum.

Mr. Foley also discussed future joint medical research between hospitals in Henan and NSW with Directors and Doctors of Henan Provincial Health Department and People's Hospitals.

Mr. Foley met:

- Mr. Guangsheng Li, Director General
- Mr. Chonggang Zhang, Associate Director
- Mr. Peiren Wang, Director of International Cooperation and Exchange Division
- Mr Yuan Lin, Associate Director International Cooperation Exchange Division. Henan Provincial Health and Family Planning Commission
- Mr Jianqin Gu, President
- Mr Fengmin Shao, Secretary
- Mr Yuming Wang, CTO
- Dr Chuanyu Gao- Director of Cardiology. Henan Provincial People's Hospital
- Dr Song Zhao, Vice President. First affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University
- Dr Pengyuan Zheng President, Fifth affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University

- Dr Guocun Jia, Vice President. Zhengzhou Children's Hospital

Mr. Foley was also given a demonstration of robotic technology and details of technology to convert bio-mass (agricultural and forestry bi-product) to petrol and diesel.

Before leaving Henan Mr. Foley met the head monk Abbot Shi Yongxin at the Shaolin Temple on Song Mountain. It was built in the fifth century and has accommodation for 80,000 martial arts students.

He was given an update on the \$380 million Shaolin complex being built in Shoalhaven, NSW.

In Guangzhou Mr. Foley met with:

Ms. Pu Ruoqian, Director of the International Exchange department of Jinan University, which has a range of undergraduate and Masters programs in English for overseas students.

The school signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TAFE NSW in 2013 but to date no students have come from NSW.

He visited the NSW Government Office of Trade and Investment.

Mr. Foley held discussions with:

- Mr. Chen Yunxian, Vice-Governor of Guangdong Provincial government.
- Mr. Ai Xuefeng, Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Municipal People's Government.
- Mr. Jeff Li, General Manager of UBTECH, whose robots are being used in NSW schools as part of STEM courses involving building, programming and coding computers and robots. It has partnered with Sydney University to establish an Artificial Intelligence Laboratory and research mapping for robotic navigation.

DELEGATION

Mr Luke Foley MP

Leader of the NSW Opposition, Member for Auburn, Shadow Minister for Western Sydney

Accompanied by:

The Hon. Ernest Wong MLC

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