

Honourable Mr. Michael Jones, President of Australia-China Chamber of Commerce of New South Wales

Ladies and Gentlemen:

With the kindest invitation from the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce of New South Wales, the Chairman Mr. Zhang Xijun and I have led the delegation of Zhejiang Zhuji Chamber of Commerce and Industry to visit this beautiful country of Australia. My Chairman Zhang Xijun and I take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude on behalf all 16 members of the delegation.

During our 7 days trip to Australia, we have visited Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne and Sydney. After the briefing by ACCCI, we have felt the warmth and friendship from the Australian people. Australia is a country with rich natural resources. It has an advanced economy and a good record of environmental protection. People from cities and countries are enjoying their lives, and live and work in peace and contentment. Its tourist industry is booming. We should learn from your good example.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Zhuji:

Zhuji is located in the middle of Zhejiang Province; it is about 300 km from Shanghai, 150 km from Ningbo, and 70 km from Hangzhou - the capital city of Zhejiang Province. The transportation is very convenient. The area of Zhuji is about 2300 square km, with a population of 1 million, which is listed as the 7th largest in Zhejiang Province. The GDP in 2003 was 16 billion RMB, listed as 5th in Zhejiang Province, and the 41st of the Hundred Most Developed Counties (Cities) in China.

The culture, education and science and technology industries are at advanced levels. Each year there are about 4000 students entering universities. Zhuji is among the first level of 'strong educational cities' and 'national developed' basic educational counties (cities) in Zhejiang Province. It is also among 'one hundred strongest science and technology counties (cities) in China. Under the Opening Policy, some young students have come to study in Australia. They will become the bridge and link to further strengthen the friendship and economic and culture exchange between Australia and China.

Zhuji has a long history and beautiful scenery. According to historical record, Zhuji has almost 5000 years of cultural history with human living in this area since the Neolithic period. Zhuji was the ancient capital of the Yue Kingdom 2000 years ago. Xi Shi, one of The Four Beauties in China, was born in Zhuji. The Chinese around the world have respected her patriotism and beauty. There are mountains, lakes and forest within Zhuji territory and it is an excellent touristy city in South China. I sincerely invite Australian business people to visit



Zhuji for leisure and business. Let us work together to enhance the friendship and to contribute to the economic and trade development between China and Australia.

Once again, our sincere gratitude to the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce of New South Wales Thank you everyone!

Ma Liwei
Hon. Chairman
Zhuji Chamber of Commerce and Industry
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Mr Ma then invited Mr Zhang Xijun, Vice Director, Zhuji Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for a Cooperative Agreement with Mr Michael Jones, President, Australia China Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New South Wales

