Adam Giles  
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**NT Government delegation to visit China to further develop business relationships**

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A delegation of senior Northern Territory Government officials will travel to China tomorrow to explore business opportunities and formalise relationships with key government officials in Jinan and Xi’an.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the visit was a follow-up to the trade mission he led to China last month highlighting business and economic opportunities that could benefit both the Northern Territory and China.

“Forging strong, lasting relationships with key government officials and business people in China is very important to the Northern Territory because it helps us secure a prosperous economic future for the Territory,” he said.

“The Northern Territory is the gateway between Asia and Australia, with a high level of connection making us a natural hub for the region. We are determined that Territory businesses reap the rewards from this.”

Mr Giles said the NT Government delegation would include Chief Executives from several Government agencies as well as officials from the Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment.

“The delegation will present and workshop NT opportunities and form relationships ahead of larger business and government discussions in both China and Darwin later this year,” he said.

“The trip will include site visits as well as roundtable discussions focussed on investments in the Territory and on sectors such as agribusiness, mining, the oil and gas industry, and education.

“It will capitalise on the momentum of last month’s trade mission during which I signed an agreement with the Governor of Shaanxi Province to build investment, cultural and social ties.

“It’s all part of the Country Liberals Government’s plan to create opportunities to deliver more jobs for Territorians, better services and improve our unique way of life.”

The delegation will leave for China tomorrow (28 January) and return on Wednesday 3 February.

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