

Cross Party Group on China

25th January 2012 – Committee Room 5 18.00h

Minutes of meeting

Attendees

Alasdair Falcon, George Heriot's School student
Dr Meryl I James, St George's School for Girls
Donna Malone, Howden
Jie Chen, Howden
Ken Robinson, Howden
Hongjie Liu, Learning and Teaching Scotland
Natascha Gentz, Confucius Institute for Scotland
Dr Conor Snowden, British Council Scotland
Jane Duckett, University of Glasgow
Helen Ford
Iain Valentine, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
Douglas Prentice
Yuwen Fortune, Edinburgh Academy
Chic Brodie MSP
Vincent Oates, Strathclyde University
Wendy Liu, China Britain Business Council
Judith McKerrecher, Liberton High School
Neil Philips, Positive Solutions
Robert Dalzell, North Lanarkshire Council
Ya Ping Wang, Heriot-Watt University
Graham Thompson, The Blackford Trust
Colin Keir MSP
Gil Paterson MSP
Judith McClure, Scottish China Education Network
Dick Lyle MSP
Claudia Beamish MSP
Michael Shanks, Scottish Parliament
Jane Davidson, Scottish Opera
Li Ruiyou Consul General
Connie Zhu, Vice Consul
JAMES TROLLAND
Carole Couper
Fan Lin, Educations Scotland
Graeme Pearson MSP
Gemma Cheek, Parliamentary Researcher

Apologies

Cathy Gu, YCP Scotland
Peter Kwok, YCP Scotland
Henry Maitles, University of West Scotland
Jamie McGrigor, MSP
Jackie Baillie, MSP
Martin Bell, The Scotch Whisky Association
Bob Hogg, The Inveralmond Brewery Ltd
Orchid Liu, Scottish Parliament
Ian Brander, Howden

Programme

1. Li Ruiyou, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Edinburgh has delivered his speech to the members

The topic of Mr Li's speech was "Mutual Understanding through Cultural and Educational Exchanges Is the Foundation for Sound Economic and Trade Collaborations"

A copy of the speech document is attached to this meeting minutes.

2. Jane Davidson of Scottish Opera has delivered a short presentation about Scottish Opera's recent work in Beijing, and the importance of cultural exchange between Scotland and China

A summary of Jane's presentation is also attached for your information.

3. All the members attending the meeting have celebrated the Chinese New Year- the year of Dragon. Howden sponsored hot Chinese food, while Scottish China Education Network kindly provided bottles of Champagne.

Next meeting

Wednesday, 28th March 2012, 6pm