



**Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Tibet Autonomous Region
Delegation Visit
7 September 2011**

On Wednesday 7th September Mark Hendrick MP, Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary China Group, hosted a meeting with a delegation from the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) of the Tibet Autonomous Region. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for parliamentarians to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) and to strengthen relations between Tibet and the APPCG. The delegation was headed by Vice Chairman of the Tibet CPPCC Mr Luosong Duoji.

During the meeting Mark welcomed Luosong Duoji and the delegation to Parliament and welcomed the opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest. He then invited Luosong Duoji to address the meeting. Luosong then provided a thorough description of the Tibet Autonomous Region; describing its recent history and economic development. He noted that there are over 40 different ethnic groups living in Tibet, who are principally employed in the agriculture sector (which produces barley, wheat, beans, rapeseed and fruit) and that there are increasing opportunities for employment in sustainable energy projects, particularly in wind and geo-thermal energy.

Luosong stated that Tibet has been an inseparable part of China since ancient times, and described how after the 3rd Tibet Conference which took place in 1994, the Central Government had supported ethnic Tibetans by investing heavily in the areas of infrastructure, education and healthcare. He continued that the Central Government had also not sought to enforce the one-child policy on Tibetans and provided tax breaks to farmers and herdsman.

Both parties agreed that the meeting had been useful and informative and Luosong invited the APPCG to visit Tibet in the future.