



**Jiangsu Provincial People's Congress  
Delegation Visit  
13 September 2011**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September Mark Hendrick MP, Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary China Group, hosted a meeting with a delegation from the Jiangsu Provincial People's Congress. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to maintain the strong relations between the APPCG and Jiangsu Province and to update parliamentarians on recent development within Jiangsu province. The delegation was headed by Mr Li Quanlin, Executive Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of Jiangsu Provincial People's Congress.

Mark began the meeting by welcoming the delegation to Parliament, noting that the Jiangsu Congress had sent a delegation to Parliament previously and that he too had visited Jiangsu on an APPCG visit. Mr Li Quanlin responded by acknowledging that the long-held relations between the UK and China had resulted in fruitful cooperation in trade, environmental protection, culture and education. He added that further cooperation, especially in the areas of culture, science and environmental protection, were important given China's economic development and their need to learn from advanced countries in these areas.

He then explained that Jiangsu province was the highest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in China and in 2010 it has the second highest GDP in China. He also noted that UK businesses had invested in Jiangsu province, such as BP, and that Jiangsu was investing in the UK, for example through the Nanjing Automobile Group's purchase of MG Rover. He also described efforts by the Jiangsu Congress to implement governmental bodies at local level and how they had already established community liaison officers to report back on community issues and needs. Other priorities for the Jiangsu Congress included provision of healthcare, renovating community facilities, and providing social insurance.

Mark then closed the meeting by recounting a visit he made with the APPCG to Jiangsu, where he was impressed by the vast industrial parks and economic developments within the city of Suzhou. Li Quanlin invited the APPCG to visit the Provincial Congress in Jiangsu in the future.