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H.E. SIR LLOYD ERSKINE SANDIFORD, AMBASSADOR OF BARBADOS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) MET WITH VICE MINISTER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA (CPC).

H.E. Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, Ambassador of Barbados to the People's Republic of China (PRC) met today with H.E. Chen Fengxiang, Vice Minister for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

The CPC is the ruling party in the PRC. Its organs closely mirror those of the state and it maintains close ties with other political parties around the world, including in Latin America and the Caribbean. Delegations from both the Barbados Labour Party and the Democratic Labour Party have visited China at the invitation of the CPC in the last two years.

In warmly welcoming Ambassador Sandiford, Vice Minister Chen underlined the strong relations between the two countries. He indicated that the establishment of a Barbados resident mission in Beijing offered significant opportunities for deepening and strengthening ties. For his part, Ambassador Sandiford pointed to the important role the Shanghai Expo 2010 would play in providing a platform for Barbados and other countries to enhance their relationship with the people of China, including with regard to tourism.

Vice Minister Chen said that he was very optimistic about the future in respect of relations between China and Barbados. There was, despite the disparity in size between the two countries, on the part of both the Chinese government and private sector a great deal of interest in Barbados. (END)