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**AMBASSADOR SANDIFORD PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO
PRESIDENT HU JINTAO, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

President of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency, Hu Jintao, has warmly welcomed His Excellency Rt. Hon. Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford as Barbados' first resident Ambassador in China.

President Hu recalled the very significant role Sir Lloyd played when, in 1990, he visited China as Prime Minister of Barbados and cemented the relationship between Barbados and China through a cooperation agreement and the signing of a loan arrangement.

President Hu was speaking at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Wednesday 3 March, 2010 when Ambassador Sandiford presented his letters of credence to President Hu. During their exchange of views on key issues of mutual interest between their two countries, Ambassador Sandiford emphasised that, despite the disparity in size, Barbados and China shared common goals with respect to the preservation of their national institutions and culture, the improvement of the lives of their citizens and the continuing search for a just and peaceful international order.

President Hu concluded by underlining the importance China attaches to its relationship with Barbados. He welcomed the establishment of Barbados' resident mission in Beijing as an important step in deepening the ties between the two countries.

Ambassador Sandiford was accompanied at the ceremony by François Jackman, Counsellor at the Embassy and Felicia Inniss, Attaché. Lady Sandiford was unavoidably absent due to the death of her mother, Mrs Muriel Ricketts, in Jamaica. (END)