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Vice Minister Li Jinzhang's Speech at the Opening Ceremony
of the Embassy of Barbados to the People's Republic of China

July 15, 2010

The Honourable Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign
Trade of Barbados,

The Honourable Richard Sealy, Minister of Tourism of Barbados,

The Honourable Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, Ambassador of Barbados to the
People's Republic of China,

Distinguished Guests from Barbados,

Heads of Diplomatic Missions,

Ladies and Gentleman, Friends:

Today we happily gather together at the opening ceremony of the Embassy of Barbados to the People's Republic of China to witness this significant point of time in the history of developing relations between China and Barbados. On behalf of the Chinese government, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and our Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, I have the honour to express our warmest and sincerest congratulations for the official opening of the Embassy of Barbados in China!

I believe that the establishment of the Embassy of Barbados in China will build a broad bridge to strengthen the exchange and cooperation between our two countries in various fields, to promote our friendly contacts, and to expand further the long and stable friendly cooperative relationship between China and Barbados. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is willing to provide

facilitation and support to Ambassador Sandiford and other Embassy officers in fulfilling their duties in China, and to work together with the Embassy to continuously advance the friendly cooperative relations between our two countries to a higher level.

For the last 33 years since China and Barbados established diplomatic relations, the mutual political trust between our two countries has deepened, and fruitful achievement has been made from exchanges and cooperation in the fields of economic trade, infrastructure construction, agriculture, tourism, and culture. China and Barbados have become important cooperative partners. China and Barbados have had long friendly cooperation, for the goodwill of the people of both countries for maintaining world peace and promoting common development, and in conformity with the essential benefits of the two countries and the two peoples. Our two countries have very broad prospects for cooperation in various fields. The Chinese government attaches great importance to the friendly and cooperative relationship with Barbados, and wishes to hold hands together with Barbados to promote the development of our mutually beneficial and friendly cooperative relationship lastingly and stably, and to work for the benefits of our two countries and our people.

Thank you!