



**Media Release**

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**ACOBORI and CCCA host Chinese Ministry of Commerce Vice-Minister and Deputy China International Trade Representative Mr Zhang Xiangchen in Melbourne, Victoria**

On 21<sup>st</sup> of February, Vice-Minister and Deputy China International Trade Representative Mr Zhang Xiangchen (Ministry of Commerce) visited Melbourne. Australia-China One Belt One Road Initiative (ACOBORI) and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Australia (CCCA) Melbourne supported the breakfast meeting hosted by the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Melbourne to welcome Vice-Minister Zhang and his team.

Australian and Chinese senior business representatives each representing one of 10 industries were invited to join the discussion of important trade and economic topics at the breakfast meeting.

Vice-Minister Zhang commented on the China Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA):

"ChAFTA has proven a great start to our bilateral trade cooperation. However, we need to further utilise our combined resources to promote expanded trade and investment."

The Hon. Tim Pallas, The Treasurer of the Victorian State Government commented:

"An example of this continued drive to engage is the Victorian Government's and Victorian businesses' strong interest in the Chinese Government's One Belt One Road program of infrastructure development."

"There is continuing strong willingness for Australian business to work with the the Chinese Central Government and our Provincial Government partners to continue to realise the substantial potential benefits for both sides."

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