



Tasmanian Polar Network

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PREMIER'S CHINA TRADE MISSION DELIVERS FOR TASMANIAN ANTARCTIC SECTOR

Richard Fader, Chairman of the Tasmanian Polar Network, said that the recently held Premier's Trade Mission to China has delivered outstanding opportunities for growth in the Tasmanian Antarctic Sector.

Highly successful meetings were held between the Tasmanian delegation and the Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration (CAA) and the Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC), resulting in confirmation of the intention of the Chinese Icebreaker XueLong to call to Hobart twice during the 2018-19 Antarctic season.

The Tasmanian delegation consisted of representatives from all areas of the Tasmanian Antarctic community including State Government, commercial goods and service providers and educational institutions. The port calls will offer the opportunity for local Tasmanian suppliers to support the Chinese Antarctic program with fuel, port services, provisions, traverse equipment, spare parts and engineering services.

China, a signatory to the Antarctic Treaty System, will have an opportunity to expand the long established science relationships with the Australian Antarctic Division and University of Tasmania whilst the XueLong is berthed in Hobart.

The Tasmanian Polar Network looks forward to welcoming the XueLong and her expeditioners to Hobart in November this year and again in February 2019.

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