

**CONFERENCE REPORT****Committee:** Economic Development**Subject:** China: Local Authority Linking Network. Seminar run by the Local Government International Bureau to provide information and advice on the opportunities for links and trade delegations**Conference Organiser:** Local Government International Bureau**Venue:** London**Date(s):** 2 May 1996**Conference Fee:** No cost**Recommendation:** No representation



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Dear Chief Executive

### **CHINA LOCAL AUTHORITY LINKING NETWORK 2PM 2 MAY 1996, ROOM 301, 35 GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON, SW1P 3BJ.**

As part of the follow-up to the China Seminar which took place at Essex County Council in December 1995 the Bureau is hosting the first meeting of the local authority China network. The network is open to any local authority who has a link with a Chinese local authority and for those who are interested in establishing links with China.

The Bureau has been supporting UK local authorities in their links with China for several years and there are now over 30 UK local authorities who have links with China. The rationale for these links is in the main economic with the focus being on the promotion of local economic development opportunities in the UK.

As part of the Bureau's support work a Seminar was organised in December 1995 which promoted the opportunities for linking with China. The idea of a network was suggested as one of the outcomes of the December seminar. It is hoped that this will provide a regular mechanism for exchange of information and advice on sources of funding, opportunities for business links and trade delegations, the organisation of delegations to and from China and School linking.

The first meeting of the network will hopefully provide a mechanism for those local authorities who currently have a link to exchange information and for those who are considering a link or are interested in getting more information. The programme and details of how to get to the Bureau are attached, if you or one of your officers or councillors would like to attend please return the pro-forma.

If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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**PROGRAMME**  
**THURSDAY 2 MAY 1996**  
**ROOM 301, 35 GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON**

- 2pm                    John Arnold, Project Officer – LGIB  
Introduction and Background to China linking
- 2.20pm                Current local authority activities
- 3pm                    Coffee
- 3.15pm                Opportunities for links with China
- 4.30pm                END