

Visit of Premier Li to New Zealand, 13-15 June 2024, Overview and Background Briefs

Human Rights, including Xinjiang, Hong Kong, and Tibet

1. Raising human rights directly with China is important. s6(a)

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Xinjiang

4. A major report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, released in September 2022, found serious violations of human rights were taking place in Xinjiang against ethnic and religious minorities, which in some cases could amount to “crimes against humanity”.

5. s6(a)

New Zealand and our likeminded partners continue to register our deep concern at the report’s findings and call on China to respond to its recommendations. New Zealand Embassy officials in Beijing most recently visited Xinjiang in May 2024.

6. s6(a), s9(2)(a)

Hong Kong

7. New Zealand has registered our concerns about the new broad and sweeping domestic national security legislation (“Article 23 legislation”) enacted by Hong Kong in late March. This new

legislation amplifies existing concerns about Hong Kong's loss of autonomy, erosion of the 'one country, two systems' framework, and backsliding on rights and freedoms that has occurred since the imposition by Beijing of the National Security Law in 2020. A number of high-profile national security cases of pro-democracy advocates and media are making their way through the Hong Kong courts at present.

Tibet

8. We also hold ongoing concerns about violations of the human rights in Tibet. ^{s6(a)}

Falun Gong

9. The New Zealand public often raises concerns regarding allegations of persecution of members of Falun Gong. Falun Gong adherents are very vocal in their opposition to the Chinese Government and often raise allegations of forced organ removal, including through public protests. ^{s6(a)}

Visit of Premier Li to New Zealand, 13-15 June 2024, Meeting and Events Briefs

Meeting Brief: Chinese Premier Li Qiang (“Lee Chung”)

Event details	<i>Please refer to separate VCO procedure document</i>
Time and date	Thursday 13 June, 15:15-16:15
Venue	Blundell, Government House
Media	Media will be present for a photograph in front of flags and opening remarks by leaders. Media will not be present during the bilateral meeting.
Translation	Simultaneous

Objectives

- Emphasise the significance New Zealand places on the New Zealand-China bilateral relationship, and the opportunities to build on our long-standing trade and people to people connections.
- Register issues of concern to New Zealand in a predictable and consistent way, including South China Sea, Taiwan, cyber, human rights, ^{s6(a)} and Russia/Ukraine.
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Agenda/Meeting Information

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Sensitive Issues

- Alongside areas of bilateral cooperation, there are some issues on which New Zealand and China do not agree. But we need to work together to understand each other's positions and to manage our differences.
- New Zealand's views on a number of human rights issues are well-known to China.
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RĀPOPOTO – SUMMARY

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- During the visit, Prime Minister Luxon was able to build personal rapport with his counterpart and create the space to deliver frank and direct messages on issues important to New Zealand, including ^{Out of scope}

human rights, ^{Out of scope}

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APITIHANGA – ATTACHMENTS

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HOHENGANGA – ACTION

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Sensitive Issues

14 The Prime Minister raised New Zealand's well-known concerns about human rights issues. ^{s6(a)}