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# Prime Minister Holness Makes First Official Working Visit to China

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## Jamaica Prime Minister Andrew Holness

JAMAICA -- Prime Minister Andrew Holness departed the island this afternoon (Friday, November 1) for an eight day, official working visit to the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Holness will have a packed agenda, which will take him to four key cities in China including Shanghai, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Beijing.

The official working visit is highlighted by bilateral discussions with President of China, Xi Jinping, municipal leaders, other public and private sector officials, investors and the members of the Jamaican community in China.

The prime minister and the Jamaican delegation will arrive in Shanghai today. Mr. Holness will address the opening session of the China International Import Exposition (CIIE) and tour one of the world's largest expos along with Mr. Xi and Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, Audley Shaw. Mr. Holness will also get a first hand view of China's shipping and logistics operations during a tour of the Yangshan Port.

Mr. Holness is slated to visit several historic monuments and areas including the monument of the People's Heroes in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, where he will lay a floral tribute, and the Great Wall.

Mr. Holness will meet with Premier Li Keqiang and engage in a series of bilateral meetings. He will wrap up his official working visit on Saturday, November 9.

The prime minister is accompanied by wife, Juliet Holness and is supported by the Audley Shaw, Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries; Senator Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, President of JAMPRO, Diane Edwards and senior technocrats from MICAF and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Holness will return to the island on November 10. Minister of National Security Hon. Dr. Horace Chang will be in charge of the Government during the period.