

Zhou Wenzhong

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States

Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States of America in 2005.

Ambassador Zhou was born in Jiangsu Province. After studying at Bath University and London School of Economics of the United Kingdom for two years, he joined the Department of Translation and Interpretation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in 1975.

From 1978 to 1983, he served as Attaché and Third Secretary at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America in Washington, DC. Then he returned to the Department of Translation and Interpretation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, rising to serve as Second Secretary, Deputy Division Director and Division Director. In 1987, he was named Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco and was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Barbados and to Antigua and Barbuda in 1990.

Ambassador Zhou returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993 as Deputy Director General of the Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs. He then served as Consul General of China to Los Angeles in 1994 and as Minister and DCM of the Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC in 1995. He served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Commonwealth of Australia from 1998 to 2001, and then returned to China as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2003, he was named Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China.

