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## **Albany links with China**

A delegation from the city of Linyi in the People's Republic of China toured Albany this week as part of an effort to foster economic links between the two cities.

Supported by the City of Albany, Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry and local wine producers Rob Wignall and John Sprigg, the delegation was led on a tour of Albany, with stops including wineries, UWA Albany, Albany Port, Torndirrup National Park, Great Southern Grammar and Maitraya Private Retreat.

Speaking at a civic reception at the City of Albany on Thursday, Mayor Dennis Wellington said Albany was honoured to host the delegation.

"I believe Albany and the Great Southern region is well positioned to take advantage of the global opportunities we are being presented with and developing strong relationships with cities such as Linyi are very important," he said.

Speaking through an interpreter, First Vice Mayor of Linyi Municipal People's Government Zuo Peiting said he had been given a very good impression of Albany.

Mr Peiting said Linyi was a major producer of agricultural fertiliser and looked forward to future cooperation with Albany.

"We want to encourage mutual understanding and become close, even though there is great distance," he said.

Linyi is a prefecture-level City with a population of more than 10 million in the province of Shandong.

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