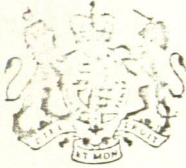


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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 December 1984

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Premier Zhao Ziyang,

My visit to the People's Republic of China for the signature of the Sino-British Joint Declaration on the Future of Hong Kong was a most memorable occasion. I am sure that the fact that we both personally signed the agreement in the eyes of the world will be seen as underlining the firm commitment of both of our Governments to implement it in full. It also gave great reassurance to the people of Hong Kong.

I found our talks together useful and full of interest. I believe that they marked the beginning of a new phase in our relations, during which I hope that our two Governments will consult closely together and work also to develop our trade and economic relations. I attach particular importance in this context to the forthcoming trade mission to your country to be led by Lord Young.

I should like in particular to thank you most warmly for the outstandingly generous hospitality extended to me and to my party in the course of our all too brief stay. The arrangements simply could not have been better and I hope that my gratitude and appreciation will be passed on to all concerned.

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Finally, may I thank you personally for the beautiful plate. It will become a family heirloom.

I look forward very much to you being able to visit Britain in June.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Zhao Ziyang