# MEDIA ADVISORY

## CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY HOSTS VICE GOVERNOR OF JIANGSU PROVINCE, CHINA, FOR BOOK DONATION CEREMONY

**Who:**   **Mr. Greg Lucas, California State Librarian; Mr. Chen Zhenning, Vice Governor of Jiangsu Province**; and other California and Jiangsu staff and sponsors (see list of Jiangsu Province delegation below, as well as biographical information for the Vice Governor from Jiangsu Province).

**What:**   Official ceremony for the display and donation of books to the California State Library on aspects of China. Open to the public.

**When:**   Monday July 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**Where:**   Gillis Hall at the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building (3rd Floor) at 914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**Why:**   The book exchange and display at the majestic California State Library's Gillis Hall are part of efforts to strengthen the sister-state relationship between Jiangsu Province and California.

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**Add'l Information**   The California State Library invites the public and members of the press to attend the official presentation for the donation of dozens of books on China and the Jiangsu Province to the California State Library.

The initial book donation and display includes subjects such as history and culture of China, art and architecture in China (current and traditional), traditional Chinese medicine, information on cities and sites in Jiangsu Province, and others. The majority of the books are in Chinese, with some in dual Chinese/English and others in English only.

This presentation highlights a portion of the donation, with the possibility of additional books being made available to local libraries in California.

The donation to the State Library is one of many efforts to strengthen the cultural and informational interchange between California and China on a series of subjects, including climate change. From Governor Brown's press release on his trip to Jiangsu Province in June 2017:

"Jiangsu Province, with a GDP of more than $1 trillion, is home to approximately 80 million people and is China's most densely populated province. Jiangsu Province became California's sister state in 1985 and since Governor Brown took office, he has maintained deep ties with the province, including visiting Nanjing during California's 2013 Trade and Investment Mission to China. Jiangsu Province was among the first provinces in China to join the Under2 Coalition, and the City of Zhenjiang, located in Jiangsu Province, was the first Chinese city to join." (Full press release: https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19829)

**Mr. Greg Lucas** is the California's 25th State Librarian, appointed by Governor Brown in May 2014. Previously, Greg was the bureau chief for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and covered politics and policy at the State Capitol for nearly 20 years.

Greg has a degree in communications from Stanford University, a Masters in Professional Writing from the University of Southern California and plans to complete his Masters in Information Sciences at San Jose State University by January 2018.

**Mr. Chen Zhenning**, Vice Governor of Jiangsu Province, is responsible for ethnic and religious affairs, civil affairs, land resources, and other duties. He is in charge of the Provincial Department of Public Security, Jiangsu Department of the State Security, the Provincial Department of Justice, and Jiangsu Prison Management Bureau.

He holds a postgraduate diploma at Jiangsu Provincial CPC School and a master's degree in Economics. More information may be found at http://www.js.gov.cn/JSGOVEN08/windowsofjiangsu/chenzhenning/?kyloty=cj2rw2

Others in the Jiangsu Province delegation:

- Mr. Ma Minglong, Director General of Jiangsu Commerce Department
- Mr. Xu Ying, Director General of Jiangsu Bureau of Statistics
- Mr. Sha Weiwei, Deputy Director General of Jiangsu Civil Affairs Department
- Mr. Zhou Wei, Deputy Director General of Jiangsu Foreign Affairs Office
- Mr. Yu Lidong, Secretary to Vice Governor Chen
- Ms. Wang Wenhui, Section Chief of Jiangsu Foreign Affairs Office

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