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IUGS DELEGATION VISITS CHINA

The IUGS Delegation headed by Prof. R. Trümpy, the IUGS President, visited China from September 15 to October 14, 1977 at the invitation of the Geological Society of China. The members of the Delegation were: Norman Fisher (Australia), Guillermo Salas (Mexico), John Sutton (U. K.), Digby McLaren (Canada), Frances Delany (U.K.), Charles Drake (U. S. A.), K. J. Hsü (Switzerland), Anders Martins-

son (Sweden) and William Hutchison (Canada).

Vice-Premier Ku Mu met and had cordial talks with the IUGS Delegation during their stay in Peking. Sun Ta-kuang, Director of the State Bureau of Geology met the foreign friends and gave a dinner in their honour.

Our guests toured Kuangchow, Shanghai and Kweilin, visited Taching Oil Field, Changchun Geological College, Kuangtung Bureau of Geology, the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences and its subordinate organizations — the Institute of Geomechanics and the Institute of Geology and Mineral Resources, and the Geological Institute of the Academia Sinica. They also made a field excursion in Yunnan Province. They showed a great interest in the various tectonic phenomena in China and were deeply impressed by the achievements made in geological survey and scientific research after liberation.

The IUGS Delegation met a great number of geologists while visiting China. Most of the Delegation members gave their lectures, and the Chinese colleagues had discussions with them on various geological problems.

Our foreign friends gave an account of the IUGS and IGCP organizations and their activities. Prof. Hsu Chieh, acting president of the Geological Society of China and Yeh Feng, one of the leading members of the State Bureau of Geology have exchanged views with the IUGS representatives about the further scientific cooperation between the Geological Society of China and IUGS and other organizations. The GSC agreed to participate in the work of the following IUGS subordinate organizations:

Subcommission on Ordovician Stratigraphy

Subcommission on Silurian Stratigraphy

Subcommission on Devonian Stratigraphy

Subcommission on Carboniferous Stratigraphy

Subcommission on Cretaceous Stratigraphy

Subcommission on Quaternary Stratigraphy

Working Group on Precambrian — Cambrian boundary, and IGCP projects:

No. 1 Accuracy in time

No. 24 Quaternary glaciations in the Northern Hemisphere

No. 29 Precambrian — Cambrian boundary

No. 118 Upper Precambrian correlations

No. 143 Remote sensing and mineral exploration

Besides, GSC will also consider the participation in the International Paleontological Association on the basis of having a further knowledge of it.

The visit of the IUGS Delegation to China has promoted the scientific cooperation between the Geological Society of China and IUGS and the better understanding and friendship between the Chinese geologists and the geologists of the countries concerned.