

Meeting Summary
Ministry of Public Security (MPS)
Economic Crime Investigation Department
Mr. Zhao Bin, Division Director
August 31, 2005

On August 31, 2005 Mr. Jeffrey Gren, Director of Office of Health and Consumer Goods led a U.S. delegation consisting of DOC officials and U.S. pharmaceutical representatives in a meeting with Mr. Zhao Bin, Division Director within the Economic Crime Investigation Department at MPS. Mr. Zhao Bin warmly welcomed the U.S. delegation on behalf of the entire department.

Mr. Zhao Bin gave an introduction about the Ministry and his department's role. The Ministry of Public Security is the principal Chinese police authority. MPS oversees China's police force responsible for cracking down and prosecuting IPR crimes and counterfeit activities in China. The Economic Crime Investigation Department focuses on trademark violations and works closely with Administration for Industry and Commerce (AIC) and State Food Drug Administration (SFDA). Mr. Zhao clarified that a major focus of their efforts rests on pharmaceuticals and close working relations with U.S. patent rights holders would be very beneficial for his unit. He hoped that Mr. Gren and his office can help be the bridge.

Mr. Gren thanked Mr. Zhao for his warm welcome and said he looked forward to close future collaboration. He congratulated Mr. Zhao for the success of Project Mountain Eagle. This program has resulted in 100% more economic crime investigations opened first half of this year than last half of 2004. Mr. Gren said that one of his office's future priorities is to focus on the dangers of under regulated bulk chemicals ending up in counterfeit drugs. He outlined a proposal for USG to convene an U.S.- Chinese interagency roundtable involving relevant government bodies with stake in bulk chemicals regulation and counterfeit enforcement. Mr. Zhao was supportive but noted that significant portion of counterfeit drugs are made with API sourced from other countries.

U.S. delegation confirmed with Mr. Zhao that although his unit focuses mainly on trademark violations, they also work with other MPS divisions and outside agencies to pursue counterfeit cases from all angles (e.g. endangering public health) so as to exact maximum penalty.

Mr. Zhao welcomed future follow up discussions and mentioned that there will be a MPS contingent visiting the U.S. in December and welcomed the opportunity to meet again then.

Summary Bullets:

- Successful first meeting with Economic Crime Investigation Unit. Gained valuable knowledge about mission and structure of MPS and Mr. Bing's division.
- Laid groundwork for future discussions on possible collaborations on anti-counterfeiting activities. Most notably, MPS' upcoming December 2005 visit to Washington D.C. was raised as a possible venue for next meeting.