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AMBASSADOR APPOINTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S
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The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Whitlam, announced today that the Australian Government had given its agreement to the appointment of Mr Wang Kuo-ch'uan as the People's Republic of China's first Ambassador to Australia.

Mr Wang was born in 1911. He was Governor of Jehol Province until his appointment in 1957 as Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic, a position which he held for six and a half years. In 1964, he became Ambassador to Poland where it is understood that he took part in the Ambassadorial-level talks between the United States and China. He was a deputy to the Third National People's Congress and is currently President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. Mr Wang is married.