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Prior to the Wizards-Celtics game on Thursday, December 10, team President Peter Biche signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding with Madame Li Xiaolin, Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC).

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The signing signifies an ongoing commitment to friendship and partnership between the Wizards and the people of China.

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Madame Li Xiaolin





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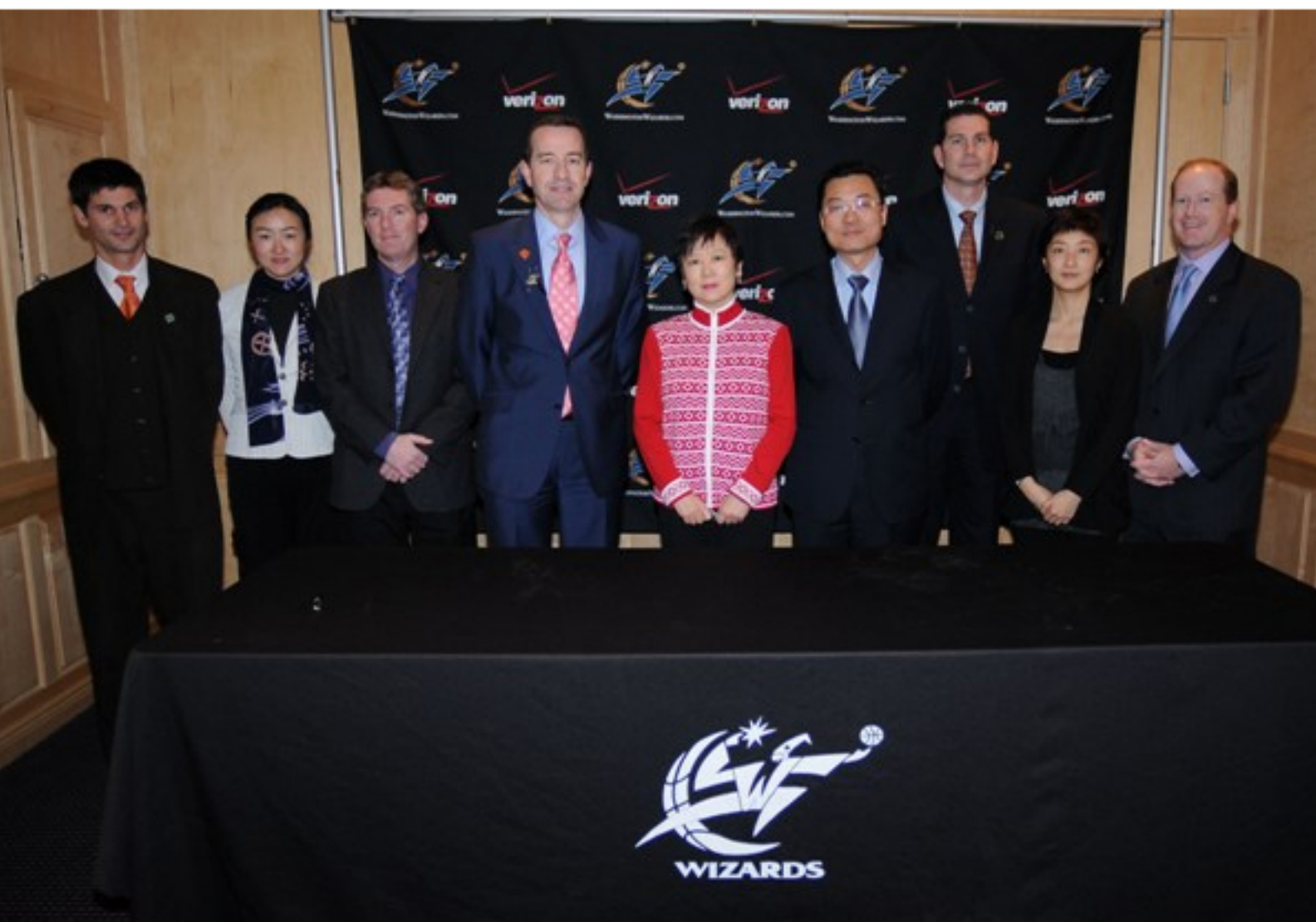
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In 1979, the then-Washington Bullets were the first-ever NBA team to visit China, when Deng Xiao Ping invited team owner Abe Pollin to play games in the country as part of the normalization of relations between the United States and China.

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Prior to the 2009-10 season, the Wizards visited China on a 10-day tour, in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the team's groundbreaking trip.

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The MOU established a formal structure between the two entities for using the Verizon Center and Wizards to further the vision set forth by Deng Xiao Ping and Abe Pollin to build strong bonds of friendship between the people of the US and China

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