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**CITIC PRUDENTIAL AWARDED LIFE INSURANCE LICENCES FOR JIANGMEN AND WUXI IN CHINA**

Prudential plc (Prudential) announced today that its life insurance joint venture, CITIC Prudential, has been awarded life insurance licences for Jiangmen in Guangdong Province and Wuxi in Jiangsu Province - bringing its total life licences in China to 13.

Jiangmen has a population of 4 million and is CITIC Prudential's sixth city licence in Guangdong Province. Wuxi has a population of 4.5 million and is CITIC Prudential's third city licence in Jiangsu Province.

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**About Prudential**

Prudential plc is a leading international financial services group, providing retail financial services and fund management in its chosen markets: the United Kingdom, the United States, Asia and continental Europe.

Prudential has been writing life insurance in the United Kingdom for over 150 years and has had the largest long-term fund in the United Kingdom for over a century. Today, Prudential has over 16 million customers worldwide and over £234 billion (as of 31 December 2005) of funds under management.

In the United Kingdom Prudential is a leading life and pensions provider offering a range of retail financial products. M&G is Prudential's UK & European Fund Manager, with around £149 billion of funds under management (as of 31 December 2005). Jackson National Life, acquired by Prudential in 1986, is a leading provider of long-term savings and retirement products to retail and institutional customers throughout the United States. Egg provides banking, insurance and investment products through its internet site [www.egg.com](http://www.egg.com).

Prudential is the leading European-based life insurer in Asia with operations in 12 markets as well as funds management businesses in 9 of those 12 markets.

**News release**

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**About CITIC Group (China International Trust and Investment Corporation)**

CITIC was established on October 4 1979 by Rong Yiren. The creation of CITIC was initiated and approved by Deng Xiaoping, chief architect of China's reform.

CITIC is a window on the way China has opened to the outside world. Since its inception, CITIC has always adhered to the principle of innovation. In line with government laws, regulations and policies, CITIC has attracted and utilized foreign capital, introduced advanced technologies, and adopted advanced and scientific international practices in operations and management. CITIC has established successful, strong performing businesses in many fields. As a result, CITIC has made significant contributions to the country's reform and opening up drive and has improved China's reputation both domestically and abroad.

CITIC has grown into a large multinational conglomerate. It now owns 44 subsidiaries in countries including Hong Kong, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The company has also set up representative offices in Tokyo, New York and Frankfurt. CITIC's core business ranges from financial services to service industries. By the end of 2004, CITIC had total assets of over RMB 701.6 billion (US\$84 billion).

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