



Mr Greg Hall, member of the Yandicoogina iron ore discovery team, with the Australian delegation and interpreters in China. He is on the far left.

Project geologist visits China

IF YOU WANT information on minerals in China, Central Exploration project geologist, Greg Hall, has first-hand knowledge.

Greg recently was CSR's representative on a geological delegation to China arranged by the Commonwealth Government. He was one of an 11-member team that visited mines, and geological research and educational institutes. He was in China for four weeks.

The purpose of the exchange was to identify problems that could be solved with Australian expertise, and jointly between the two countries. Delegates also familiarised themselves with Chinese geology, mineral deposits and techniques of mining and exploration.

Escorted by two Chinese geologists and an interpreter, the group visited iron ore, tungsten, uranium, magnesite, copper, antimony and lead-zinc mines. Chief guide was a Chinese professor of geology who had studied at Harvard

over 25 years ago. He speaks good English.

Greg was impressed with the size of the mineral deposits and the high level of Chinese research. He noticed a great deal of innovation in mining techniques. Mines equalled Australian standards in cleanliness.

Typical mine workers' clothing includes a cloth face mask to keep out dust, woven bamboo safety helmet and hand-held safety torch.

Visitors to foreign countries carry away impressions. Greg came away from China impressed by the large crowds of people everywhere he went, the gracious and courteous behaviour of the Chinese, and the great variety of food available without refrigeration.

These, no doubt, are some of the things he thinks about as he explores for minerals in his usual work place, Atherton, north Queensland. □



Mr Greg Hall dressed in contemporary Chinese geologists' gear.