<u>Top legislator thanks journalists</u> <u>covering annual session</u>

Chinese top legislator Zhang Dejiang has voiced his thanks to the journalists covering the annual session of the national legislature.

"The annual session is an important window for the world to observe China," said Zhang, chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, at the session's media center on Tuesday.

The stories of this year's parliamentary session have been well told and are worth praising, he said.

Zhang toured the news center set up by Xinhua News Agency in the Great Hall of the People, shaking hands with Xinhua staff and watching them report on the event through traditional and new-media platforms.

Zhang also talked with journalists from other state media outlets including the People's Daily, China Central Television and China Daily.

The annual session of the NPC concluded Wednesday.