



“The Hamburg Summit: China meets Europe”

Words of Welcome

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Respected Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan,

Respected Your Excellency Schmidt,

Respected First Mayor von Beust,

Respected Chairman Schues,

Respected President Dreyer,

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening!

Indeed this is my pleasure to come back to this beautiful city again and attend this Hamburg Summit. First of all, I would like, on behalf of China Federation of Industrial Economics (CFIE), Chairman Xu Kuangdi and all the members in CFIE delegation, to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Hamburg City and its Chamber of Commerce for their kind invitation and great hospitality. As the partner of this Summit, I also take the opportunity to extend our warmest welcome to Chinese government delegation headed by Vice Premier Zeng.

China currently is the largest developing country in the world, while Germany is the No. 1 economic power in Europe. Sino-German economic and trade exchanges have played an important role in Sino-European economic and trade relationship. As we are fully aware, Germany has become the largest trade partner, direct investor and technology supplier of China in Europe.

With a continued development on economic and trade relations, government leaders in both countries have frequently exchanged their visits. On the occasion of this summit, Chinese Vice Premier Zeng Peiyan is on his official visit to Germany with a government delegation. Early next month, Chancellor Schroeder of Germany will lead a government delegation and a delegation of entrepreneurs to visit China. During his visit, China Federation of Industrial Economics will receive Chancellor Schroeder and

his delegation of entrepreneurs in Beijing and host a grand gathering for Chinese and German entrepreneurs. We have firm confidence that the economic and trade relationship between the two countries, as guided and supported by the both governments and promoted by the both business communities, will achieve further improvements and embrace a brighter future.

China Federation of Industrial Economics – CFIE, is the largest federation of industrial associations in China. In recent years, CFIE has established stable cooperative relationship with many European business and industrial associations like Chamber of Commerce of Hamburg. In the process of Sino-German and Sino-European economic collaboration, CFIE has willingness to further strengthen relationship with these associations and play more important roles in the process.

Before I conclude my words, I wish this Hamburg Summit a great success on behalf of CFIE. I wish everybody a good appetite. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.