



“The Hamburg Summit: China meets Europe”

Speech at the opening dinner

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Respected Premier Wen Jiabao,
Respected Mr. Nikolaus W. Schuees Former President of Hamburg Chamber
of Commerce
Respected Mayor of Hamburg Mr. Ole von Beust
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Evening!

I am very glad to come to this banquet for the opening ceremony hosted by the Hamburg municipal government and the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce and meet friends of all circles at the Golden Hall. We are very grateful to Mr. Beust, Mayor of Hamburg and the Hamburg municipal government for their reception and the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding work, which has made this enjoyable get-together possible, after our meeting in 2004.

Two years' time is not long, but China-German relationship has seen new developments during this period. President Hu Jintao paid a state visit to Germany last November. In May this year, German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited China, bringing with her a big business delegation. Three months later, Chinese Premier came to your country and is here with us this evening in spite of his tight schedule.

Top-level visits between state leaders of our two countries have promoted non-governmental exchanges, which will give a strong impetus to the bilateral economic and trade relations and will definitely promote the sustainable development of China-Germany relationship.

China Federation of Industrial Economics and the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce are important industrial associations. We sincerely hope that we will make the Hamburg Summit a new platform for dialogue and cooperation between the governments of China and Germany and the industrial circles of the two countries, culminating in turning it into a brand-creation activity. We

hope that the Hamburg Summit will bring about real benefits to the two countries' businesses and enterprises.

I believe that this evening's gathering will lead to the success of the summit tomorrow. I sincerely wish every success to the Hamburg Summit and Premier Wen Jiabao's state visit to Germany. I also wish everyone here an enjoyable evening.

Finally, please allow me on behalf of all present here to invite Premier Wen Jiabao to deliver a speech.

Thank you all!