

Hamburg Summit: China meets Europe

28 to 30 November 2012



Highlights of the “Hamburg Summit: China meets Europe” 2012 :

- Conference opening on November 28, 2012 with Chinese Minister of Science Wan Gang, German Research Minister Annette Schavan and Professor Georgios Papastamkos, Vice President of the European Parliament
- Minister Wan Gang, who is ranked in protocol terms as a deputy prime minister and who studied and worked in Germany from 1985 to 2001, proved to be a very open and well-informed representative of the Chinese government. His speeches outlined that the new Chinese leadership will restructure and put a greater focus on innovation. He called for the establishment of ‘a new Silk Road’ between China and Europe.
- The conference focused on the effects of the leadership change in China and the sovereign debt crisis in Europe.
- There were six excellent panel discussions on the state of the global economy, trade relations between the EU and China, the liberalisation of the Chinese currency, smart cities, safeguarding raw material supply, and strategies for Europe and China in a multipolar world.
- The highlight for many participants was the discussion between former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and former US Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger on the role of China, Europe and the US in the global power structure. Dr. Kissinger warned his fellow countrymen not to view China so much from the perspective of military competition. Helmut Schmidt called for a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation in the working relationship with China.
- The China-Europe Friendship Award went to Jürgen Fitschen in his capacity as chairman of the German Asia-Pacific Business Association for his contribution to Sino-European relations. The China-Europe Sustainability Award went to the State Grid Corporation of China, which mainly operates in the area of smart grids.
- European Commissioner for Trade Karel De Gucht invited questions after his keynote speech. The business representatives took this opportunity to express their views regarding the EU Commission’s China policy.
- In the keynote speeches and numerous bilateral discussions it became clear to all participants that the new Chinese leadership will focus on continuity while also implementing careful reforms.
- A total of 440 participants from 21 nations and 200 members of the press registered for the Hamburg Summit 2012.
- The Chinese industry associations and co-hosts CFIE and CATIS participated with delegations numbering 57 people in all.

All pictures and speeches can be found on the conference website

www.hamburg-summit.com



Selection of speakers from the “Hamburg Summit: China meets Europe” 2012:

Guest of honour from the People’s Republic of China

- **Wan Gang**, Vice Chair of the 11th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Minister of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China

Guest of honour from Germany

- **Annette Schavan**, Federal Minister of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany

Guest of honour from the European Union

- **Prof. Dr. Georgios Papastamkos**, Vice President, European Parliament

Speakers from the world of politics:

- **Elmar Brok**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, European Parliament
- **Karel De Gucht**, Commissioner for Trade, European Commission
- **Dr Henry Kissinger**, former US Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize recipient
- **Jerzy Pomianowski**, Under-Secretary of State of the Republic of Poland
- **Helmut Schmidt**, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

Speakers from the world of business:

- **Dr Martin Brudermüller**, Chairman China Committee of APA Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business; Vice Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, BASF SE, Hong Kong
- **Dr Thomas Enders**, Chief Executive Officer, EADS, Netherlands
- **Jürgen Fitschen**, Chairman, OAV - German Asia-Pacific Business Association; Co-Chairman of the Management Board, Deutsche Bank AG, Germany
- **Dr Axel Heitmann**, Chairman of the Board of Management, LANXESS AG, Germany
- **Lu Jianzhong**, President, Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries Co., Ltd (ZPMC), P.R. China
- **Capt. Xu Lirong**, Director and President, China Shipping (Group) Company, P.R. China
- **Dr Dahai Yu**, Member of the Executive Board, Evonik Industries AG, Germany

Speakers from other institutions

- **Dr Werner Hoyer**, President, European Investment Bank
- **Peter Praet**, Chief Economist and Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank

