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161.6

billion dollars

amount of trade between
China and Germany in 2013 —
580 times the amount
in 1972 when the two countries
established diplomatic
relations

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WHEN CHINA'S AND GERMANY'S
LEADERS MEET IN BERLIN,
THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS

By ZHANG CHUNYAN in Berlin

When Chinese President Xi Jinping met Germany's Angela Merkel on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in St Petersburg seven months ago, he cited Newton's three laws of motion to describe the relationship — in a nod to the chancellor's antecedents as a research scientist.

Quoting Newton's three laws of motion, he told her that the two countries needed to take full advantage of where they were at in their relationship (inertia), increase their collaboration (acceleration), and eliminate or reduce anything standing in the way (counterforce).

When the pair meet again in Berlin on March 28, Merkel could well repay Xi the compliment by quoting a Chinese proverb: "Let us take full charge of the past and usher in the future."

The saying is particularly apt as Xi pays his first state visit to Germany over two days from March 28 and as Merkel settles into her third four-year term at Germany's helm after forming a grand coalition with her political rivals in December.

During his visit, Xi will meet Merkel and President Joachim Gauck, business leaders from both countries, and issue a joint statement with her on how they see the relationship developing in the years to come. The two countries will also sign at least 10 substantial agreements.

Business leaders, analysts and industry insiders say that as China, the world's second largest economy, pushes ahead to overhaul its economy and open up more to the world, its relationship with Germany, the world's fourth largest economy, their relationship will flourish. >> **TIES, PAGE 6**



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我代表全体旅欧华人青年热烈欢迎习近平主席伉俪对欧洲进行历史性的访问。以习主席为代表的新一代领导集体锐意改革，带领全国人民追寻中国梦，我们倍受鼓舞。敬祝访问取得圆满成功！

On behalf of all Chinese youth in Europe, I express my warmest welcome to President Xi Jinping and his wife on their historic visit to Europe. China's leadership led by President Xi is committed to change and to encouraging its people to pursue the Chinese dream, something that is very encouraging to those of us overseas. I wish the president and his wife an enjoyable and fruitful stay.

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我们旅比青年华人以无比喜悦的心情欢迎习近平主席及其夫人访比。我们坚信习主席的访问将把中比友谊和合作提升到更高水平。中国深改、经济和社会转型将为深化双边关系带来更多机遇，旅比华人青年祝愿祖国文明富强！

We Chinese youth in Belgium warmly welcome President Xi Jinping and his wife to the country. We believe their visit will raise the relationship between the two countries to a new plain. To that end, economic reform and social transformation in China will create many opportunities, and we at the federation wish our country continuing progress and prosperity.



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