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## Vice-President Hu Sishe marks 200th anniversary of Karl Marx's birth

**Liu Jiayun**



On April 20, a news conference about a large-scale cultural exhibition — *Chinese Cultural Series: Meet China in Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Karl Marx's Birth* — was held in Trier, Germany. The series was jointly sponsored by the CPAFFC, General Directorate for Cultural Heritage Rhineland-Palatinate (Generaldirektion Kulturelles Erbe, or GDKE) and the Federation of German-Chinese Friendship Associations (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher China-gesellschaften, or ADCG). CPAFFC Vice-President Hu Sishe; Salvatore Barbaro, state secretary of the Ministry of Science, Lifelong Learning and Culture of Rhineland-Palatinate; Thomas Metz, director-general of GDKE; Wolfram Leibe, mayor of Trier; Dr Stefanie Hahn of the Ministry of Science, Lifelong Learning and Culture of Rhineland-Palatinate; Kurt Karst, president of ADCG; representatives from the IHK Chamber of Industry and Commerce Rheinland-Pfalz; and members of the Chamber of Trade attended the news conference.

## 2018 Cairo Duanwu Dragon Boat Carnival held in Egypt

**Gong Xu**



On May 12, the 2018 Cairo Duanwu Dragon Boat Carnival was held on the Nile by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the Egyptian-Chinese Friendship Association, with the aim to spread traditional Chinese culture, enhance friendship between the Chinese and Egyptian peoples and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Egyptian-Chinese association. The carnival included six dragon boat teams (including one from Shanghai's Putuo district), consisting of paddlers from China, Egypt and the United States. Hundreds of spectators from both China and Egypt watched the competition. This big event was reported by several Egyptian mainstream media outlets. CPAFFC Vice-President Lin Yi, Chinese Ambassador to Egypt Song Aiguo and Vice-President of the Egyptian-Chinese Friendship Association Ahmed Wali attended the opening ceremony. The carnival saw for the first time a mixed team of contestants from the three countries.



# President Li Xiaolin attends opening ceremony of Chinese culture exhibition marking 200th anniversary of Marx's birth

Liu Jiayun

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Karl Marx's birth, an exhibition of Chinese culture — *Meet China* — is underway in Germany.

The exhibition series is jointly hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the General Directorate for Cultural Heritage Rhineland-Palatinate (Generaldirektion Kulturelles Erbe, or GDKE) and the Federation of German-Chinese Friendship Associations (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher China-gesellschaften, or ADCG). The opening ceremony was held on June 1 in Thermen am Viehmarkt, a Roman ruins museum in Trier, Germany.

Present at the opening ceremony were nearly 200 honored guests from government, friendship associations and commercial, academic and artistic fields of the Rhineland-Palatinate, as well as Chinese guests, including CPAFFC President Li Xiaolin; Jiangxi province's Vice-Governor Wu Zhongqiong; Consul-General of the Chinese Consulate General in Frankfurt Wang Shunqing; Minister of Science, Lifelong Learning and Culture of Rhineland-Palatinate Konrad Wolf;

President of ADCG Kurt Karst; and Curator of the Rheinisches Landesmuseum Marcus Reuter.

In her speech at the opening ceremony, President Li said that viewers of the exhibition will have a sense of the fascinating Chinese culture from the photos, paintings, handicrafts, historical books and artistic performances characteristic of different areas and different ethnic groups. They could, Li said, find out about the tremendous

changes in China's society and feel the pulse of China's development in the new era. In this way, Li said, they may fall in love with China and begin a journey there. She expressed hope that the exhibition would serve as a window for Germans to learn more about China, a bond to join the two peoples' feelings and friendship and a bridge to facilitate communication and mutual learning between German and Chinese cultures, with exchanges between the



President Li Xiaolin (third from right) with guests at the start of the exhibition.



two countries' provinces and cities.

Wolf said that mutual recognition and communication between different cultures would not only cross political and economic boundaries but also facilitate mutual understanding among different peoples, thereby promoting political and economic development. The seven provinces and cities engaged in the cultural exhibition series, he said, represent almost one-fourth of China's entire territory, enabling people in Trier to learn about various facets of China — a “charming country” — through different activities related to the exhibition.

Jointly launched by the CPAFFC; Jiangxi province; Beijing; Shandong and Qinghai provinces; Chengdu, Sichuan province; Baoshan, Yunnan province; and Shaoxing, Zhejiang province, the Chinese culture exhibition series will be open for four months (June 1 to Sept 30), starting with a segment called Spirit of Jiangxi, Taste of China. President Li Xiaolin, together with Jiangxi Vice-Governor Wu Zhongqiong and Minister Konrad Wolf, announced the opening of the exhibition.

Journalists from German media and their Chinese counterparts from People's Daily and Xinhua News Agency covered the exhibition. People's Daily and German media interviewed President Li.

During her visit in Germany, President Li also had talks with Minister Wolf and Trier Mayor Wolfram Leibe. ■

## Taiwan county hosts 8th Cross-Straits Spring Festival Temple Fair

Liu Jiacheng

From Feb 17 to 21, the 8th Cross-Straits Spring Festival Temple Fair of Folk Customs — jointly organized by the China Friendship Foundation for Peace and Development (CFFPD), the Chinese Culture Friendship Association and the Sichuan People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries — was held with success at the Convention and Exhibition Center in Nantou county, Taiwan. Vice-President Xie Yuan of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, CFFPD Secretary-General Jia Ling, Nantou county Mayor Lin Mingzhen and Deputy Mayor Chen Zhengsheng attended the opening ceremony.

### Bashu culture crosses the Straits

Recently, because of the strained and complex situation across the Taiwan Straits, the Temple Fair — which had been held at the Taichung Cultural and Creative Industries Park for seven years — had to be temporarily relocated to the Convention and Exhibition Center of Nantou county, Taiwan. Some other unexpected negative fac-

tors also added to the difficulty of running the fair. Following instructions from CPAFFC President Lin Xiaolin, the CFFPD and the Sichuan friendship association made painstaking efforts in their preparatory work. They paid close attention to and fully coordinated with relevant parties to ensure the successful opening of the fair as scheduled.

The Temple Fair included a Bashu culture-themed photography exhibition, a Sichuan delicacies buffet, a promotional sale of special Sichuan products, a Sichuan tea exhibition, a display of lanterns made in Zigong city, an intangible cultural heritage exhibition, ethnic song and dance performances, the *Charming Sichuan* exhibition, a promotional exhibition about Sichuan aviation and logistics. The activities and performances were well-received and acclaimed by the Taiwan public. On the opening day, throngs of visitors came to witness a Bashu-flavored Spring Festival.

More than 300,000 people attended the Temple Fair during the five-day event, an unprecedented event in the history of the CFFPD. It was broadcasted on CCTV4 Chinese International Channel and Sichuan Satellite TV, People's