

Schroeder wants to expand ^{5/12} 'strategic tie' ^{Germany} with China

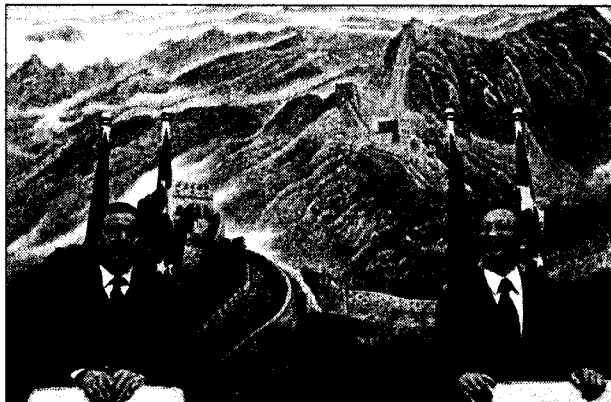
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BEIJING, Dec. 6. — Germany and China share common views on many international issues and can make important contributions to securing peace and stability in the world, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has said in a written interview to Xinhua on the eve of his three-day visit to China starting today. Mr Schroeder also said his talks with Chinese leaders will aim at deepening the "strategic partnership" and continuing the "very close political dialogue" between the two countries.

Germany and China share concerns on strengthening the UN, fighting terrorism and solving nuclear issues concerning North Korea and Iran.

Party maps out key economic policies

BEIJING, Dec. 6. — Further macro control and restructuring will top China's economic agenda next year, the Central Economic Conference decided before it closed yesterday. Other major tasks for 2005 include promoting rural development. The goal is to "maintain steady and relatively fast economic growth with more emphasis on quality and efficiency". The event was attended by all nine members of the standing committee of the political bureau of the Communist Party's central committee, including President Hu Jintao and premier Mr Wen Jiabao. — China Daily/ANN



Mr Gerhard Schroeder and Chinese Prime Minister Mr Wen Jiabao at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Monday. — AFP

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