

## **The Political Relationship Between The French And Chinese Governments**

There have been lots of cultural, economic and political relationships between the French and Chinese governments. In 2010, further progress was seen in the relations between the 2 countries. The parliamentary leaders and heads of state of the 2 sides exchanged visits within that year and reached a crucial agreement on creating mutual benefit and trust. The 2 sides emphasized the significance of working together to maintain the unique element of their relationship of being adaptive and strategic with a worldwide perspective as well as creating it into a new kind of cooperative and equal relationship between 2 major countries.

France and China deepened coordination and communication on international governance and other large regional and global hot-spot matters. Economic trade and cooperation were intensified as well. Two-way investment increased and bilateral trade rose steadily. China's Ministry of Commerce and France' Ministry of Economy and Industry held a bilateral business forum in the latter country, which was participated by more than 3,000 companies.

Parliamentary, sub-national and party-to-party level exchanges were dynamic, so as people-to-people and bilateral cultural exchanges. In 2010, about 5,000 French students were in China and around 35,000 Chinese students were in France. In the latter state, almost 500 primary and high schools provided Chinese language courses, about 44,000 students were studying Chinese and more than 150 universities have Chinese language elective or core courses. The Chinese language leaped to the fifth position in the foreign language teaching in France' education system.

On March 30, the 1<sup>st</sup> China-France relations seminar was held in China. France also sent over ten famous art troupes to China during the Shanghai World Expo to show a performance at the France Pavilion as well as three regional pavilions. By the end of the year 2010, the two states had 66 pairs of provinces and sister cities.