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Germany and China sign comprehensive soccer agreement

Representatives of the German and Chinese governments signed a far-reaching agreement on Friday for a soccer partnership between the two countries. The agreement was signed in the chancellery in Berlin on the occasion of the meeting between China's vice-premier Liu Yandong and German chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel.

The partnership, which is initially set to run for five years, comprises a comprehensive agreement at government level and separate agreements between the Deutscher Fußball-Bund (DFB) and Deutsche Fußball Liga (DFL), on the one hand, and the Chinese Ministry of Education and Chinese Soccer Association, on the other. The goal of the partnership is to achieve an ongoing mutual exchange of ideas and experience between the two countries. Comprehensive measures are to be taken to support the growth of soccer in China – for instance, through the training for players, coaches and referees and the sharing of know-how between the different league organisations.

The agreement is the outcome of earlier talks between German chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel and China's president Xi Jinping.

Pictured (top from left)

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