

# German Chancellor Merkel visits central China's Wuhan



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WUHAN, Sept. 7 (Xinhua) — Angela Merkel Saturday visited central China's Wuhan during her 12th trip to the country as German Chancellor since 2005.

Before Wuhan, the capital city of Hubei province, Merkel had visited a number of cities besides Beijing during her China trips in the past.

When talking with students of Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Merkel highlighted the importance of international cooperation in the era of

globalization and called on the students to be participants.

Saying that a nation's prosperity is part of the prosperity of the whole world, she voiced her hope that students should shoulder common responsibilities to combat global challenges.

In the speech, Merkel reviewed her past trips to China. In Shenyang, she witnessed economic upgrading. In Chengdu, she learned about the development of western China. In Shenzhen, she saw remarkable progress brought by the reform and opening-up.

She said quite a few noted German companies including Siemens and small and medium-sized innovation enterprises are operating business in Wuhan. Wuhan and Duisburg became the first pair of sister cities between China and Germany in 1982.

Merkel exchanged views with students on the internet, artificial intelligence, intelligent manufacturing, and environmental protection.

Before wrapping up her trip, Merkel also visited a local hospital and a factory of the German company Webasto.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivers a speech at Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, the capital city of central China's Hubei Province, Sept. 7, 2019. German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited Wuhan on Saturday. (Xinhua/Xiao Yijiu)

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel visits Tongji Hospital of Tongji Medical College of Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, the capital city of central China's Hubei Province, Sept. 7, 2019. German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited Wuhan on Saturday. (Xinhua/Xiao Yijiu)

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel attends the opening ceremony of a factory of German auto parts supplier Webasto in Wuhan, the capital city of central China's Hubei Province, Sept. 7, 2019. German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited Wuhan on Saturday. (Xinhua/Xiao Yijiu)

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel interacts with teachers and students at Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, the capital city of central China's Hubei Province, Sept. 7, 2019. German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited Wuhan on Saturday. (Xinhua/Xiao Yijiu)

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