

China and Taiwan



A historic event will take place on November the 7th. Chinese president Xi Jinping and Taiwanese president Ma Ying-Jeou will meet for talks. It is the first summit at presidential level between China and Taiwan since 1949. Taiwan is just 180 km from China but their relations have been difficult for a long time. China believes Taiwan is part of China, not a separate nation. Only 22 countries recognise Taiwan as being an independent country.

The meeting could help to repair decades-old differences. There could be more meetings in the future. The two parties have decided not to use the term "president" in the meeting. Instead, they will use the word "mister". They will not sign any agreements, make any joint statements or hold a joint press conference. They will exchange views to develop peaceful relations. An official said the leaders want to, "keep the status quo".

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