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—— Cherish the light of friendship in "Rabe and China"

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"The Chinese people commemorate Rabe because of his great love for life and pursuit of peace."

—— General Secretary Xi Jinping’s speech at the Körber Foundation



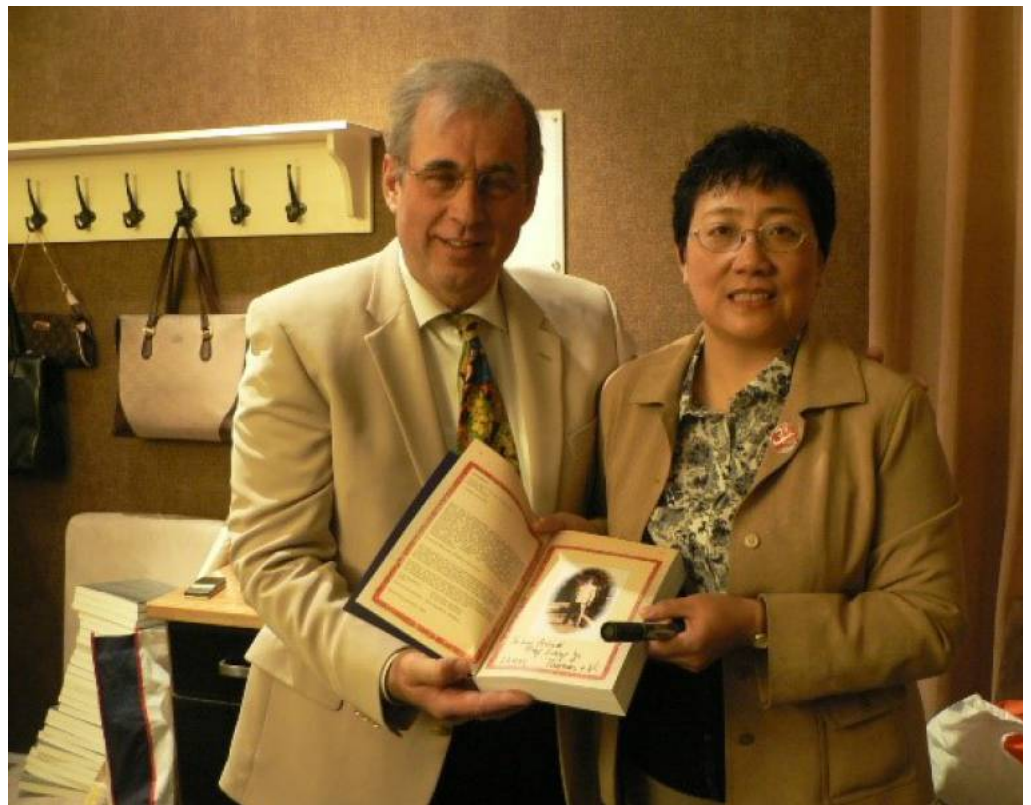
On the occasion of World Book Day in 2024, I especially want to promote the book "Rabe and China".

On January 19, 2024, the launch ceremony of the book "Rabe and China" was held in the Library of Beijing. At that time, I hosted a book launch for Thomas Rabe, an old friend of 21 years and the author of this book.

Thomas Rabe is the grandson of John Rabe, chairman of the International Safe Zone Committee on the Nanjing Massacre. He is also the author of the book "China's True Face: The International Friendship" initiated by China Radio International and co-edited by the German Press Syndicate.

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huge humanitarian assistance during the Nanjing Massacre caused by the Japanese army in 1937 and led the International Committee of the Nanjing Safety Zone to rescue more than 200,000 Chinese civilians. Mr. John Rabe worked in China for 30 years, including 17 years in Beijing, 6 years in Tianjin and 7 years in Nanjing. He left a lot of diaries, among which the Nanjing and Beijing diaries are the most systematic and complete. The contents cover customs, intangible cultural heritage, scenic spots and historic sites, major political events, etc., and have rich research value. John Rabe's righteous deeds in the face of the atrocities committed by the Japanese army in the Nanjing Massacre are remembered by the Chinese people.



Teacher Liang Yi takes a photo with Thomas Rabe

The author of "Rabe and China" was my landlord when I was a senior visiting scholar at the University of Bonn, Germany in 2003. He is also the vice chairman of the German Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a visiting professor at the Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital affiliated to Capital Medical University, and John Rabe of Beijing Union Medical College. He not only has the mission of carrying forward his grandfather's humanitarianism, but also inherits his grandfather's spirit of loving life and pursuing peace with his noble medical ethics and superb medical skills. He is the great-grandson of John Rabe, to continue Rabe's legacy. The deep friendship between the two people. He is the winner of the Chinese Government Friendship Award in 2018 and the nominee of the first Mag

In 2003, during a high-level visit to Germany, I saw more than 20 original volumes of John Rabe's diary (referred to as "Rabe's house"). In 2009, I edited and published "Beijing in My Eyes", Rabe's diary in Beijing. In 2017, I initiated the John Rabe Beijing Exchange Center (referred to as the "Center"). The center was officially established on September 1, 2018.

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“Reading Beijing” activity. What is particularly gratifying is that Professor Ruan Xiangyan, director of the John Rabe Exchange Center and representative of the National People's Congress, led a translation team that carefully translated and revised "Rabe and China" more than a hundred times. At this meeting we saw a sample booklet of "Rabe and China". The book adopted my suggestion and was finally titled "Rabe and China".

"Rabe and China" connects the history and reality of the Sino-German non-governmental friendship for the first time through the use of books.

Among them are the records and memories of the parties involved in 1937, the research results of Chinese scholars, the selection and concentration of historical documents, and the description of the current Sino-German friendship.

Among them are John Rabe's work at Siemens, a well-established and well-known German company a hundred years ago; his grandson's medical cooperation with Beijing Obstetrics and Gynecology Hospital today;

Among them is the display of the research results on the history of the Holocaust at Nanjing University, which connects the past history and create a future;

It contains rich content such as Chinese folk customs, intangible cultural heritage, and historical sites, shows special feelings for the great Eastern country, and forming the ideological and emotional foundation for John Rabe's rescue of more than 200,000 Chinese people;

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Continue the Sino-German people-to-people friendship and write a new chapter in civilizational exchange. People-to-people friendship is a model for exchanges and mutual learning among world civilizations. The current Sino-German people-to-people friendship is not only a matter for Thomas Rabe, but also for us Chinese scholars and citizens.

On the occasion of World Book Day, on behalf of Thomas Rabe, I specially donated the book "Rabe and China" to the neighborhood committee. I hope that more ordinary people will understand the deeds of John Rabe and continue to promote people-to-people friendship.

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