



GDCF

Society for German-Chinese Friendship
Krefeld-Lower Rhine (registered association)

Discover China. Connect with people.



Meeting in Krefeld: students and their teachers at Krefeld Town Hall

Friendship begins with curiosity

Since 1985, we have worked to foster mutual understanding between people in Germany and China. We share knowledge and create opportunities to meet in person - in Krefeld, in the Lower Rhine region and with our partners in China.

Understanding China

Talks and discussions on culture, history, economics and politics. Experts share insights, answer questions and invite you to exchange ideas.

A sense of community

Exhibitions, open discussions and Chinese New Year celebrations with the Mingde Association bring together people with a wide range of experiences.

Join us!

Attend our events, become a member or get involved as a volunteer.

Learn Chinese

Discover a language and gain new perspectives



Three years of study, exams passed: celebrating their certificates. Thanks to sponsorship from XCMG Europe GmbH in Krefeld and Xuzhou, we can fund the lessons!

An opportunity for young people

For around 30 years, we have organised Chinese lessons in partnership with schools in Krefeld. Our three-year certificate course is open to students in Grade 9 and above. Alongside the language, they discover Chinese culture and everyday life.

The course at a glance

Duration: three years

Lessons: 90 minutes per week
during term time

Venue: Hannah-Arendt-Gymnasium,
Dionysiusstraße 52, Krefeld

Teacher: Fengshi Yang

Supported together

XCMG Europe GmbH supports the courses as sponsor and patron. VHS Krefeld and the Unternehmerschaft Niederrhein employers' association also support the programme. Heinz Strohe coordinates the courses for students from different schools.

More to discover

Since 2025, a Chinese-language library at Hannah-Arendt-Gymnasium has enriched the lessons. XCMG Europe arranged the book donation from Phoenix Media Group in Nanjing.

Experience China first-hand

Student exchange between Krefeld and Hangzhou



Off to China: young people from Krefeld and their accompanying adults

Discover a different way of life

For around 20 years, our exchange with Xuejun High School in Hangzhou has brought us together. Students stay with host families, attend their exchange partners' school and experience daily life first-hand. Shared excursions help deepen these connections.



Together in Shanghai

Hangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing

The 2026 trip once again took students to Hangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing. On their return, they shared their impressions at a public talk at VHS Krefeld, covering school, host families and their experiences along the way.

Visits in both directions

Our partnership also includes visits from China to Krefeld. In 2025, we welcomed 16 students and two teachers from Hangzhou. Host families, schools and shared visits around the region made the week a meaningful personal experience.

Association life and getting involved

Open to everyone who wants to learn more about China



Sharing knowledge and exchanging ideas



View of Lanzhou · From our website

Knowledge and connection

Our talks cover culture, history, economics and politics. Topics range from the Chinese school system and tea to social change. Experts such as Professor Thomas Heberer and Professor Shichang Wang offer new perspectives.

A vibrant network

We maintain close links with schools, VHS, the city, KREFELD BUSINESS and partners in business and education. Exhibitions, open gatherings and New Year celebrations with the Mingde Association enrich our association's life.

Your support makes a difference

Attend our events, become a member or help organise activities. You can also strengthen German-Chinese friendship by hosting an exchange student or supporting our work with young people.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Information on events, courses and membership

Prof. Dr. Marie-Louise Klotz · Chair

Phone: +49 171 9531644

klotzmarielouise@gmail.com

Postal address: c/o Helmut Bartsch
Heyenfeldweg 67, 47802 Krefeld
Germany

gdcf-krefeld-niederrhein.de



Events & membership