

national scholarly community. The author of this report who was, eleven years ago, refused access to materials of the 1920's stored in the stacks of Taiwan archives would like to express his hope that this promise will be kept entirely. This would be one of the most important prerequisites to reaching, as Mr. Chin phrased it in his speech, "the highest state of thoroughness, perspicacity, and objectivity" in the study of Chinese contemporary history.

Dr. Dieter Heinzig, Köln

Treaty on Cooperation Between Beijing University and  
the Free University of Berlin in Teaching and Research

In early April 1981, a delegation from the Free University of Berlin travelled to Beijing on the invitation of Beijing University, for negotiating and signing a treaty of cooperation with Beijing University. Professor Dr. Eberhard Lämmert, president of the Free University, was the head of the delegation. Members of the delegation included first vice-president Professor Dr. Dieter Heckelmann, head of the office for international relations Dr. Horst Hartwich, and Professor Dr. Kuo Heng-yü from the Department for East Asian Studies. On the Chinese side, Professor Wang Lubin, first vice-president of Beijing University, and vice-president Wang Xuezheng, were in charge of the negotiations. The treaty was signed on April 6 by the first vice-president of Beijing University - Professor Zhou Peiyuan had resigned on April 1 - and the President of the Free University.

Under the treaty, a Ph.D. candidate in Chinese studies has already concluded a two-month research-visit at Beijing University in the spring of this year. Beginning in the winter term of 1981/82, Professor Chen Zhenhan from the Department of Economics of Beijing University will spend two terms as visiting professor at the Department of East Asian Studies. During the winter term he will give a lecture and an accompanying seminar on the economic history of modern China from 1840-1949.

Beyond the treaty, the Free University has invited Professor Fei Xiaotong, who will be in Berlin at the end of November for academic discussions. Two lectures are planned on "The Development of Sociology in China" and "National Minorities in China." Also invited is Professor Zhang Jiqian from the History Department of Beijing University. She will arrive in the spring of 1982 and stay in Berlin for several weeks. Professor Zhang heads the Chinese side of a jointly planned project dealing with German-Chinese relations from 1865 to 1949. Head of the project on the German side is Professor Kuo Heng-yü.

Dr. Mechthild Leutner, Berlin