

**Remarks & Toasting for
“Day of German Unity”
By
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On behalf of the Chief Executive of the MSAR**

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The Vista Level 3, MGM

Honourable Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany,
Mr. Nikolaus Graf Lambsdorff,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening. On behalf of the Chief Executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region, I would like to express my congratulations to all the people of the Federal Republic of Germany on this special occasion.

Today we gather here to celebrate the silver jubilee of German reunification. It is a time for joy and gratitude, a time for reflection upon the core values of sustainable development. The remarkable progress German has made in the past 25 years is a living example of how unity creates strength. The pursuit of peace and unity lies at the heart of traditional Chinese culture. It is our belief that the well-being of the residents hinges on the peace and stability of the society. Therefore, the Macao SAR government endeavors to promote a harmonious environment allowing people from different backgrounds to lead a more comfortable life.

The Macao SAR and Germany have long enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship. German products are very popular in Macao for their supreme quality. The Oktoberfest is one of the most popular food and beverage festivals and serves as a platform for people-to-people exchanges. I deeply appreciate the continued support provided by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany and the contributions made by the local German communities over the years. I am confident that there will be plenty of opportunities for our two territories to strengthen cooperation in various areas.

Consul General, ladies and gentlemen,

May I propose a toast to the peace and prosperity of the people of Germany!