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President meets China's PM and attends CEE-China economic summit

President Andrzej Duda on Tuesday met with Prime Minister of China Li Keqiang before the start of an economic summit of 16 CEE countries and China in Suzhou, eastern China.

Meeting with the Chinese PM, President Duda stressed the importance of cooperation between China and the 16 CEE countries.

"I hope that we are now creating a solid foundation for a common future not only in terms of economic turnover, but also for cultural and scientific cooperation," the president said while meeting PM Li Keqiang.

Andrzej Duda stressed that he deeply believed that the Polish-Chinese Economic Forum which began on Monday and the "16 + 1" summit will bring "great fruit". He stressed that he would like his five-year presidency to witness a major intensification in cooperation, among others within China's "One Belt and One Road" project aimed at creating a network of transport corridors linking China and the EU.

The Polish president expressed hope that Poland will become China's important, key partner in Europe, "a place from where Chinese economic influence will beam across the European Union."

Present at the "16 + 1" summit are representatives of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and China.

President Duda, on a several-day visit to China, is scheduled to meet with President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Wednesday and with Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China Zhang Dejiang on Thursday. The president is accompanied by deputy Ministers of Economy and Foreign Affairs Ilona Antoniszyn-Klik and Katarzyna Kacperczyk.

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