
XI PITCHES CLOSER TIES TO SPANISH KING AS MADRID COURTS CHINESE INVESTMENT

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Chinas President Xi Jinping told Spains King Felipe on Nov 12 that the worlds second-largest economy seeks to work with Madrid to boost the global influence of both nations, as the heads of state met in Beijing ahead of a signing ceremony.

King Felipe is the first Spanish monarch in 18 years to make a state visit to China, as Madrid leads the European Union in courting Beijing and seeks to expand its diplomatic footprint across the Asia-Pacific region.

China, for its part, is eager to move past trade tension with the 27-strong bloc over its heavily subsidised electric vehicles (EV) industry, as US President Donald Trumps tariffs weigh on exports.

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