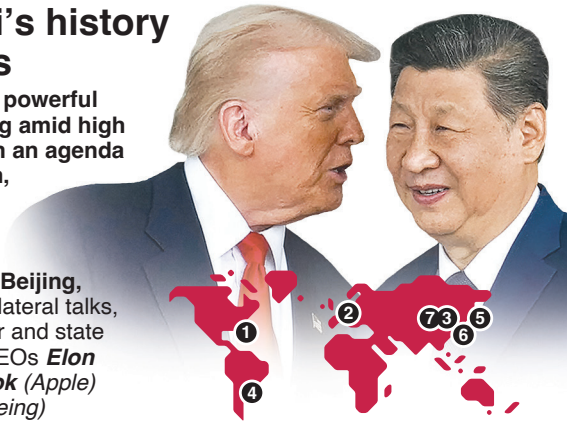
Trump and Xi's history of encounters

The world's two most powerful leaders meet in Beijing amid high hopes for progress on an agenda spanning Iran, Taiwan, trade tensions and the global race to dominate AI



7 May 13-15, 2026, Beijing, China: Xi hosts bilateral talks, ***Temple of Heaven*** tour and state banquet attended by CEOs ***Elon Musk*** *(Tesla)*, ***Tim Cook*** *(Apple)* and ***Kelly Ortberg*** *(Boeing)*

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN TRUMP AND XI

6 Oct 30, 2025, Busan, South Korea: On sidelines of ***APEC*** summit they announce one-year pause in spiralling trade war, with U.S. easing tariffs, while China agrees to drop some export restrictions

5 Jun 29, 2019, Osaka, Japan: At ***G20*** summit they agree to de-escalate rivalry, sowing seeds for trade deal in which U.S. rolls back some tariffs in return for China buying **$200bn** of U.S. goods and services*

4 Dec 1, 2018, Buenos Aires, Argentina: On sidelines of ***G20*** summit, they agree to begin talks on intellectual property and cyber-theft, despite Trump having just banned ***Huawei*** and ***ZTE*** products

3 Nov 8-10, 2017, Beijing, China: Joined by delegation of U.S. business leaders, Trump touts **$250bn** in deals, then, despite its positive tone, weeks later imposes tariffs on **$250bn** of Chinese goods

2 Jul 9, 2017, Hamburg, Germany: Meeting on sidelines of ***G20*** summit one month before Trump launches review into alleged theft of U.S. intellectual property by China – laying ground-work for punitive tariffs

1 Apr 6, 2017, Palm Beach, U.S.: First meeting – held at Trump's private ***Mar-a-Lago*** resort – is largely overshadowed by Trump's airstrikes on Syria, governed at that time by Beijing-backed ***Bashar al-Assad***

*Months later, Covid-19 pandemic collapses global trade so China is unable to fulfil its obligations

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