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## ABSTRACT

The research paper will generally examine and analyze the issues and cooperation between Turkey and China. Besides elementary backgrounds, it will mainly discuss why Sino-Turkish cooperation became common and often in recent years. The Xinjiang issue and unbalanced trade issue are certainly causing uneasiness on the Turkish side, and politically, it is impossible for Turkey to be supportive of China's ethnic policies in Xinjiang. However, this not change Turkey's perception upon China's rise as an opportune chance to cooperate with China to promote Turkey's interests, thus economic interests are main driving force for Turkey to cooperate with China to seek greater political voice in the region. China also gradually realizes the importance of Turkey as a strategic cooperated partner on its way rising, and China is able to strengthen its influences on the Middle East, or even Europe through cooperating with Turkey. Two countries are also working on institutionalizing their current cooperation through the existing regional organization-Shanghai Cooperation Organization. However, it needs more efforts on enhancing bilateral perceptions and supports in order to make it works. If it works, the current obstacles between Turkey and China are easier to be tackled within institutional framework. If it does not, I am not optimistic about future Sino-Turkish cooperation personally, and Sino-Turkish cooperation might be just transitory.

**KEY WORDS:** Turkey's reaction, China's rising, Uyghur, Trade deficits, Sino-Turkish cooperation, Regional institutionalism.

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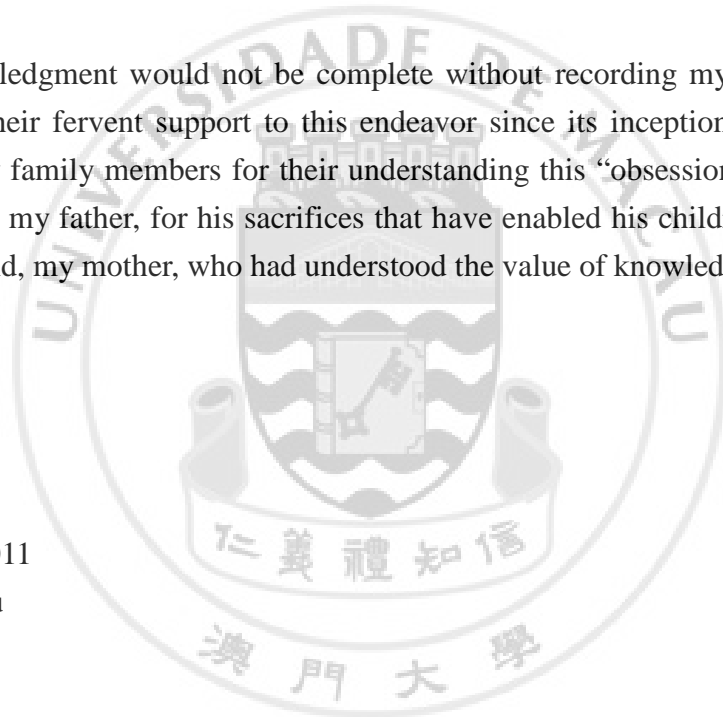
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<b>AKP</b>	Justice and Development Party
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
<b>ASEAN</b>	Associate of Southeast Asian Nations
<b>ATO</b>	Ankara Trade Office (Ankara Ticaret Odasi)
<b>BRIC</b>	Brazil, Russia, India and China
<b>CCP</b>	Chinese Communist Party
<b>CMC</b>	Central Military Commission
<b>CPC</b>	Communist Party of China
<b>CPVA</b>	Chinese People's Volunteer Army
<b>ECO</b>	Economic Cooperation Organization
<b>ETIB</b>	Eastern Turkestan Information Bulletin
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FDI</b>	Foreign Direct Investment
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IPR</b>	Intellectual Property Rights
<b>KMT</b>	Kuomintang
<b>NATO</b>	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>OIC</b>	Organization of the Islamic Conference
<b>PKK</b>	Kurdistan Workers' Party
<b>PLA</b>	People's Liberation Army
<b>PM</b>	Prime Minister
<b>PRC</b>	People's Republic of China
<b>RMB</b>	Renminbi
<b>SCO</b>	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
<b>TIKA</b>	Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency
<b>TRC</b>	Turkish Research Center
<b>TSK</b>	Turkish Armed Forces
<b>TUSIAD</b>	Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association
<b>U.S.</b>	United States
<b>VISTA</b>	Vietnam, Indonesia, South Africa, Turkey, and Argentina
<b>WB</b>	World Bank
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization
<b>XUAR</b>	Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

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