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## **NUMOV's Honorary Chairman** Gerhard Schröder visits Iran

Iran and Germany lay groundwork for post-sanctions relationship

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H.E. Gerhard Schröder, Honorary Chairman of NUMOV and Former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

delegation of high ranking board members of NUMOV from a wide range of sectors visited Iran in January 2016. The delegation was organised by NUMOV, the German Near and Middle East Association, and headed by H.E. Gerhard Schröder, the Former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Honorary Chairman of NUMOV, at the kind invitation of H.E. Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh, Minister of Industry, Mines and Trade.

As a result of NUMOV and its Iranian counterpart's success in holding high-level negotiations and business delegations even when the sanctions were still in effect, the visiting party was welcomed specifically to discuss future business plans between the two countries. These prospective bilateral relations were considered on the basis of German companies - especially NUMOV members - always having been committed to their long-term business ties in Iran