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China Seeks Conciliation At BookExpo America Show

NEW YORK, USA The largest book show in the United States, BookExpo America held this past May was home to the country that has not had the best relations with it of late.

The People's Republic took several thousand square meters of space and brought a large contingent of publishing personnel to staff the spacious area.

"There was not doubt that this was a charm-offensive" said one bookstore owner attending the show.

Other attendees voiced the opinion that an improvement in relations between two nuclear powers would be "a positive thing."

The amount of show space that China bought was huge and they spared no expense in decorating it. Many attendees said it was the most beautiful trade show booth ever assembled for the BookExpo.

The centerpiece of the exhibit was a stage with a large backdrop reading, "Shared Memories of the US and China."

No official mention was made of China's controversial censorship policies but it was mentioned in private by several attendees.

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