

## Kenya School of Government launches China Book Corner

This initiative aims to provide Chinese literature, language resources, and cultural insights for scholars and students. According to Dr. Joseph Ndung'u of the Kenya School of Government, the newly unveiled China Book Corner will play a pivotal role in offering students and scholars access to resources that dive into China's history, traditions, and modern-day developments. "Accessing Chinese information and literature has been very difficult in the past years so the establishment of this corner will enable access to Chinese literature which will help expand knowledge," he said. Speakers at the event also highlighted the longstanding relationship between China and KSG and expressed excitement about future collaborations. CGTN Africa.

### Southern Africa to experience cereal shortage

The Food and Agriculture Organization has warned that Southern African countries will experience maize shortages due to the recent El Nino-linked drought that has decimated harvest prospects. The predicted production shortfall is expected to intensify households' food insecurity, increase domestic prices and spur a surge in import needs across the sub-region, as the new assessment from FAO's Global Information and Early Warning System indicated. Acute food insecurity in southern Africa, estimated at 16 million people in the first three months of 2024, could deteriorate in late 2024, the UN agency warned. China Daily.

### Battle for influence between US and China heats up in Africa

China has been trying to gain a foothold in Africa over the years, while the US is looking to reassert itself as a partner of choice. As the global power rivalry between China and the United States heats up, African nations will have to pick the right partners that will benefit them not only in the short term, but also in the long run, said observers. China has been trying to gain a foothold in Africa over the years, while the US is looking to reassert itself as a partner of choice. CNA.

### How Africa-China cooperation is forging path to shared future

As responsible members of the global community, Africa and China have created a reliable path towards a shared future. It is indeed in Africa that the Chinese concept of "a global community of shared future" is gaining a broader and deeper meaning, and setting a clearer goal and blueprint for the peoples of the continent. To have a common future where there is prosperity and people-to-people connectivity, the Chinese footprint has begun to be seen across much of the socio-economic lives, infrastructure and technological modernisation of the peoples through the China-Africa community of shared future. Punch.

#### The Chinese Trap in African Contracts

Over the last few decades China has not only become Africa's largest trading partner, but is its biggest bilateral lender. In the last 15 years, trade between China and African nations reached \$282.1 billion (in 2023). Out of these numbers, most of the exports to China were supplied by South Africa, Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo; while Nigeria remained the largest importer of Chinese goods. Various bilateral contracts and treaties have been entered into between China and African states to access Africa's vast natural resources and strategic infrastructure. PML Daily.

# <u>9 ghost towns to visit, from China to Africa, Ukraine and Hong Kong – eerie reminders of war, disaster and loss</u>

An abandoned diamond mining town, once considered the richest in Africa, attracts artists, filmmakers and Instagrammers keen to capture its beauty. In France, a village stands as a memorial to a wartime massacre, while a Caribbean town looks much as it did when it was abandoned during a volcanic eruption. Frozen in time, ghost towns stand as mute witnesses to gold rushes, wartime massacres and natural disasters. Here are nine abandoned places that once bustled with life but now lie eerily silent. SCMP.

### Partnering with China best bet for Africa's green bid

In Africa, Japanese or European vehicles dominate the roads. But in the burgeoning sector of new energy vehicles (NEV), Chinese manufacturers are emerging as the frontrunner. The world is moving towards sustainable development and Africa is keenly partaking in this green evolution. And China, the premier manufacturer of eco-friendly products, plays a dual role. Spearheading its domestic transitions towards sustainability and propelling global green transformation. In his government work report, Prime Minister Li Qiang said, China's exports of electric vehicles (EV's), solar cells and lithium-ion batteries soared by 30% last year to a record trillion Yuan. Nation.

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