

Rekindling the Africa rising narrative

The Dar es Salaam Consensus is one of the blueprints advancing China-Africa cooperation, making it one of the greatest mutual cooperations in the 21st century. The global community today is facing both traditional and nontraditional security threats that endanger its socioeconomic stability and development. Against this backdrop, scholars and policy experts from about 50 countries in Africa and China jointly released the Dar es Salaam Consensus at the 13th Meeting of the China-Africa Think Tanks Forum in Tanzania's port city of Dar es Salaam in March. The Consensus provides a policy dialogue platform for deepening global development cooperation. Today, both China and Africa have entered a new development stage as indicated by the Consensus. This development paradigm is creating more opportunities for Africa's development. For instance, China has developed more than 100,000 kilometers of roads, 10,000 km of railway, 1,000 bridges, approximately 100 ports, and several energy facilities in Africa. China Daily.

China, Nigeria Commit to Promotion of Tourism, Cultural Exchange

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Abuja has reiterated its commitment to promote tourism and cultural exchange with Nigeria within the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in order to enhance the two countries' bilateral relations. The Embassy made the pledge at the weekend during a Seminar on "Promoting Culture and Tourism Exchange in BRI Cooperation", jointly hosted by the Chinese Embassy, China Alumni Association of Nigeria and University of Abuja. Cultural Counselor of the Chinese Embassy, Mr. Li Xuda said that the embassy has always regarded promoting people-to-people ties between China and Nigeria highly because cultural and tourism exchange plays a special and important role in societal progress and national development. Li also added that the joint construction of BRI takes "Five Cooperation Priorities" as the main content: Policy Coordination, Facilities Connectivity, Unimpeded Trade, Financial Integration and People-to-People Bond. This Day Live.

Hard Numbers: China rattles the saber, Egypt's inflation falls, Japan props up yen, Spain wins Euros

Taiwan's defense ministry recorded 30 Chinese combat jets and seven warships in the skies and waters around the islandon Saturday and said it was monitoring "waves" of missile tests in Inner Mongolia province. These are the third large-scale maneuvers around Taiwan this week. Inflation rates in Egypt have dropped for the fourth straight month to 27.5%, down from an agonizing 38% peak in September. However, economists warn that fuel, medicine, fertilizer, and naturalgas markets remain volatile, and Egypt's most needy families are smarting from a 300% increase in the price of subsidized bread. A Bloomberg analysis of the Bank of Japan's accounts found it had likely spent approximately \$22 billion propping up the anemic yen – it has lost 11% of its value this year – on Thursday. This would mark the third time the central bank has directly intervened in the currency market — an expensive practice, but Tokyo has few other options while the difference between US and Japanese interest rates remains so vast. Gzero Media.

Egypt, China ink 3 MoUs to strengthen economic bilateral ties

Egypt has signed three memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) to strengthen Egyptian-Chinese relations, the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation announced Saturday. The signing took place during the visit of Egypt's Minister of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation Rania Al-Mashat to the Chinese capital Beijing to participate in the second edition of the Conference of the Forum on Global Action for Shared Development, organized by CIDCA. The conference aims to promote cooperation among Southern countries, expand joint work between China and Southern nations, particularly in Africa, and create new partnerships within the framework of the Global Development Initiative (GDI), previously launched by the Chinese president. Ahram Online.

Tanzania welcomes Chinese EV imports and production amid drive to transit from fossil fuels

Despite tax-free incentives on imports, Tanzania's EV industry faces other obstacles to growth, including limited funding, a shortage of technicians, and low consumer awareness. DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania: China has been quietly driving an electric vehicle revolution in many parts of Africa, creating jobs and supporting a transition away from fossil fuels. A raft of African governments are welcoming Chinese EV imports and production, and industry experts expect to see more such vehicles on African roads. This comes as Chinese EV brands seek new markets for expansion after being slapped by high tariffs from the United States and European Union. Dr Stephen Dyer, co-leader of global consulting firm AlixPartners' Greater China business and head of the firm's Asia automotive and industrials practice, said: "It's possible now that we're at the forefront of the advent of the China age in the automotive industry globally." CNA.

Chinese FM meets Gabonese, Malagasy counterparts, former UN secretary-general

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Friday met with Gabonese Minister of Foreign Affairs Regis Onanga Ndiaye, Malagasy Minister of Foreign Affairs Rafaravavitafika Rasata, and former secretary-general of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, respectively, who are attending the opening ceremony of the Second High-Level Conference of the Forum on Global Action for Shared Development in Beijing. During the meeting with Regis Onanga Ndiaye, Wang, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said that the Global Development Initiative responds to the urgent desire of developing countries for accelerated development, adding that China appreciates Gabon's participation in the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative. China is willing to work together with African countries to gather strength in order to accelerate the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and promote the development and revitalization of the African continent, Wang added. Pakistan Today.

Rwanda Wants To Keep Strong Bilateral Relations With China: President Kagame

Rwandan President Paul Kagame said that his country has a strong relationship with China and wants to maintain it. Kagame made the remarks while speaking at a press conference in Kigali, the country's capital, shortly after wrapping up his campaign ahead of Monday's presidential and legislative elections, Xinhua news agency reported. "We have had a good relationship with China, and we want to keep it so," Kagame said in response to a question about the historical ties between Rwanda and China over the past 50 years. Unlike other partners, China deals with Rwanda and other African countries in a respectful manner and does not intend to impose what it thinks is right for them, the Rwandan president said. "We have had relationships where some people want to be overbearing, telling you, you must do this, you have to do this, you shouldn't do this. We have learned through experience to politely but firmly tell people that we also have ideas about what we want, how we want the relationship to be, and what we want in that relationship. We are firm about what our country wants," he added. Mena Fn.

Program launched to promote exchanges between Chinese and African children

A program aimed at promoting communication between Chinese and African children was launched in Beijing on Sunday. A welcome ceremony held at the China National Children's Center saw dozens of children from Namibia, South Africa, Somalia, Uganda and the Central African Republic gather together with children from China. A variety of activities were organized for the children, including games, dance and martial arts performances, and a group painting session. In the center's intangible cultural heritage area, they experienced the charm of traditional Chinese culture as they made scented pouches and shadow puppets. Huang Xiaowei, vice president of the All-China Women's Federation, said that children carry the future and hopes of China and Africa, and that exchanges between children will inject new vitality into the continued development of the China-Africa friendship. Xinhua.

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