

How Is China's Global Education Strategy Evolving?

Growing numbers of Chinese universities are drawing students from partner regions such as Africa with science-focused programs. Samson Mofolo is one of 20 Africans completing a Master's in agriculture at the China Agriculture University (CAU) in Beijing. Before arriving in China, he was working for the Ministry of Agriculture in Malawi, which sends several employees to the university every year. "I spent the first 6 months in Beijing learning theory," he explained, "but after, I moved to the countryside to live and study alongside local farmers." The students, who come from all across the African continent, are enrolled in the three-year Science Technology Backyard (STB) program set up by CAU in 2019. It is one of three agriculture-focused programs in the university that exclusively enroll students from Africa. Although students spend the first few months in Beijing, most of their research is carried out in Quzhou county in rural Hebei, some 400 kilometer from China's capital. The Diplomat.

Sino-Africa Cooperation: Chinese archaeological projects in Kenya vielding results

China-Africa cultural exchange programs have been expanding in recent years, with collaboration opportunities now stretching to academic and scientific cooperation in fields such as archaeology. In recent years, Chinese archaeologists have had more opportunities to take part in joint archaeological research with African counterparts in the continent as a result of intergovernmental agreements. This breakthrough has been made possible through the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) which provided a framework for such fruitful undertakings. According to statistics, Chinese archaeologists are actively involved in numerous archaeological projects in Africa, with cooperation agreements spreading across almost half of the countries on the continent. In Kenya, Chinese archaeologists, for instance, have conducted joint research projects with their local counterparts into the origins of modern humans. They began excavations dating back to the mid-Paleolithic period. The experts jointly identified a good number of key excavation sites in the area, where stone tools and animal fossils spanning the Early, Middle, and Late Stone Age were unearthed, offering new clues to the origin of modern humans. KBC.

Qualcomm sues China's Transsion, the 'Smartphone King of Africa,' for infringing on its patents

In emerging markets in Africa and South Asia, Transsion—not Apple or Samsung—is the smartphone manufacturer to beat. The Shenzhen, China-based smartphone manufacturer and its brands Tecno, Infinix, and iTel, account for almost half of Africa's smartphone market. The company doesn't even sell its lineup of budget and mid-range devices in China. Fortune.

Exhibition featuring ancient Chinese characters held in Ethiopia

An exhibition featuring ancient Chinese characters was held on Saturday in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, to enhance people-to-people and cultural exchanges between China and Ethiopia. The art exhibition, which displayed a collection of artworks based on the Chinese classic I Ching or "the Book of Changes," brought

together the artworks of Ethiopian artist Dawit Muluneh and the famous Chinese calligrapher Wu Jiuyi. Speaking at the event, Gossa Oda, coordinator of the exhibition, said the exhibition serves as a platform to showcase cultural correlations and shared knowledge between Ethiopia and China through the I Ching paintings. "By organizing this exhibition, I want to convey the ancient mystery of I Ching that helps enhance connectivity between Ethiopia and China and promote their shared future. A shared future starts from a shared knowledge," said Oda, who is also the owner of Medemer Africa Art and Sculpture Space, where the 64 I Ching paintings are housed. Xinhua.

China-Egypt relations: Fast lane for now

The China-Egypt relationship is growing from strength to strength, as Beijing strives to lead the global south and Egypt sees China as a crucial development partner, says US academic John Calabrese. In a China Daily article in April, China's ambassador to Egypt and representative to the League of Arab States, Liao Liqiang, was quoted as saying that the Sino-Egyptian relationship "has entered the fast lane". The next month, meeting on the sidelines of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi signed several agreements to advance bilateral cooperation. The signing ceremony marked el-Sissi's eighth trip to Beijing since he became president in 2014 following a coup and coincided with the tenth anniversary of the Egypt-China comprehensive strategic partnership. Think China.

Hospital ship Peace Ark rounds off visit to Seychelles, heads for Tanzania

The Chinese naval hospital ship Peace Ark on Harmonious Mission 2024 rounded off its visit to Seychelles on July 12, local time, and departed for Tanzania, the second stop of the mission. During the seven-day visit and medical service, Peace Ark provided free medical service to more than 4,800 patients, and completed more than 60 surgeries, including cataract recovery and laparoscopic cholecystectomy, receiving wide praise from the local people. In addition, Peace Ark dispatched several medical teams to local hospitals, communities and coast guard forces to carry out joint treatment and provide first aid skills training. Medical staff assigned to the ship also held exchange activities including art performance and friendly basketball match with the Seychelles side, and interacted with local children of disability. This was Peace Ark's second visit to Seychelles, since the first visit in 2010, and was well received by the Seychelles side. Seychelles President Wavel Ramkalawan expressed his welcome and gratitude, affirmed the enduring and healthy development of the relations between Seychelles and China and expressed his expectation to the China-Africa summit to be held in Beijing this autumn. China Military.

Malawi & China: MoU on Health Cooperation Signed

According to Chaponda, the collaboration between the two institutions will enhance local capacity for treating critically ill pregnant women, and improve diagnosis and treatment of gynecological conditions. On Monday, Malawian Ministry of Health and the National Health Commission of China signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation between hospitals of the two countries. Malawian Minister of Health Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda and the Chinese Ambassador to Malawi Long Zhou represented the two sides in the signing of the MoU in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi, on Friday. Chiponda described the signed agreement as "timely" and that it "ushers in a new era of strong cooperation between China and Malawi in the critical field of health care". According to the minister, the agreement focuses on strengthening key areas such as obstetrics and

gynecology of Malawi's Kamuzu Central Hospital and the first affiliated hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University in northwestern China's Shaanxi Province. Tele Sur English.

Zimbabwe seeks stronger ties with China in creative sector

Zimbabwe is seeking to elevate cooperation with China in creative arts to boost the sector and promote cultural ties between the two sides, says Napoleon Nyanhi, the director of the National Arts Council of Zimbabwe. "Many of these exchanges take place in the areas of live performances, including music, dance and instrumentation. We would like to see more collaboration in other spheres of the arts, such as fashion design, filmmaking and television productions," said Nyanhi in an interview on the sidelines of the first Harare Forum for Africa and Academic Week, which concluded in the Zimbabwe capital last week. He notes that the Chinese-funded Dreamstar program, Zimbabwe's largest talent search competition for young people, has been pivotal in uplifting Zimbabwean artists in various genres. "We are excited about the cooperation between Zimbabwe and China, especially in the arts and cultural development," Nyanhi says. China Daily.

<u>Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong Meets with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Zimbabwe Sheillah Chikomo</u>

On July 15, 2024, Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong met with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Zimbabwe Sheillah Chikomo, who came to China for a meeting. Chen Xiaodong said China and Zimbabwe are comprehensive strategic cooperative partners with deep traditional friendship. China is ready to work with Zimbabwe to deliver on the important common understandings reached between the two heads of state and take the upcoming summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) as an opportunity to push for new and sustained results in cooperation across the board. Sheillah Chikomo thanked China for its long-term support for Zimbabwe's economic and social development, and expressed the willingness to closely cooperate with China to ensure the success of the FOCAC summit and promote greater development of Zimbabwe-China and Africa-China relations. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China.

Rwanda wants to keep strong bilateral relations with China, says President Kagame

Rwandan President Paul Kagame said Saturday 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. "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 respectfully and does not intend to impose what it thinks is right for them, the Rwandan president said. Xinhua.

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