



[Kenyan students shine at Chinese cultural showcase](#)

Amid the enchanting melodies of traditional Chinese music, Njambi Munene, an 18-year-old Kenyan girl, moved gracefully across the stage at the University of Nairobi, Kenya's oldest institution of higher learning, twirling and swaying in perfect rhythm with six other performers. As the final note of the music lingered in the air, Munene came to a graceful halt, her chest rising and falling with each breath. She held her pose momentarily, then dipped into a slight bow. The audience who had been holding their breath suddenly erupted in thunderous applause. It wasn't just a performance, but rather part of a special Chinese cultural showcase held at the Confucius Institute of the University of Nairobi, which was organized by the Shandong Chamber of Commerce in Kenya and a visiting delegation from the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Shandong Provincial Government. Xinhua.

[Chinese envoy dares EU and US to 'catch up' in electric vehicles to justify tariffs](#)

With green energy high on agenda for China-Africa summit, Beijing's ambassador to South Africa takes aim at 'unreasonable' EV duties. The US and European Union should step up production of affordable electric vehicles to justify their tariffs on Chinese EVs, Beijing's top envoy in South Africa said, speaking ahead of a major China-Africa summit where green energy is expected to be high on the agenda. Chinese ambassador Wu Peng said at a climate change event in Pretoria on Thursday that China – a leader in EV technology, solar energy and other new energy products – had played a big role in cutting harmful carbon emissions. In 2023, China produced nearly 9.5 million electric vehicles and exported nearly 1.8 million, which helped cut global carbon emissions by about 50 million tonnes, Wu said. Wu then challenged the EU and US, which have imposed high tariffs on Chinese EVs, to catch up to China in making green vehicles. South China Morning Post.

[FOCAC is most important symbol of China-Africa solidarity and cooperation, says Chinese Ambassador Wu Peng](#)

As numerous African heads of State gear up to travel to Beijing for the upcoming 2024 summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), a new book has been released, co-authored by renowned South African sinologist and researcher, Dr Paul Tembe and fellow researcher Jeffrey Sehume. The book explores the extensive China-Africa relations which has resulted in China constructing and upgrading more than 10,000 kilometres of railways, nearly 100,000 kilometres of highways and over 60,000 kilometres of submarine cables, as well as nearly 1,000 bridges, 100 ports and over 100 health facilities and schools. The book titled: 'Xi Jinping and the Flourishing Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in the New Era' was released in Pretoria on Friday, days before the FOCAC summit kicks off in Beijing next month. In his keynote address at the book launch, Ambassador of China to South Africa, Wu Peng said for the past 24 years since its formation, FOCAC has become an exemplar for international cooperation with the continent of Africa, and a model for South-South cooperation. IOL.

[Research on the Geographical Patterns of Chinese-funded Projects in Cameroon](#)

Cameroon depends on foreign finance for mega development projects. China is its leading source for this. Foreign aid, in the form of financial grants and loans, can help recipient countries to provide public infrastructure such as dams, ports, railways and electricity. This can support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by United Nations member states in 2015. The research found that nearly all 51 project sites were situated in the francophone region. This is also the region where Cameroon's long-sitting president, Paul Biya, was born. Only four (8%) of the projects were located in the anglophone region. iAfrica.

[China invites Libya to strengthen trade and investment](#)

The Chargé d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Libya, Liu Jian, has invited Libya's Minister of Economy and Trade, Mohamed Al-Huwaij, to visit Beijing and lead a delegation at the upcoming China-Africa Cooperation Forum. During their meeting, the two officials discussed the current trade and investment ties between China and Libya and explored ways to boost economic collaboration. According to a statement from the Ministry of Economy, Al-Huwaij stressed the importance of advancing existing trade and investment agreements between the two nations and expressed Libya's readiness to support Chinese companies entering the Libyan market. He also instructed the Libyan-Chinese Joint Economic Chamber and the Libyan-Chinese Business Council to work with the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture to organize a joint economic forum in Tripoli in early 2025. For his part, Jian reiterated China's interest in strengthening trade and investment relations with Libya. The Libya Observer.

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