

# World Insights: Dynamic people-to-people exchanges a reflection of high-level China-Africa cooperation

The sustainable advancement of China-Africa cooperation and people-to-people exchanges is promoting mutual sharing and strengthening understanding and friendship between the two sides. During the summer holidays, a fully booked flight connecting the central Chinese city of Changsha to the Kenyan capital of Nairobi is abuzz with lively conversations between Chinese and African passengers. Among them, African traders share their experiences and flourishing plans with China. Also among the passengers are Chinese merchants, students, researchers, and tourists who are curious and open-minded, eager to explore the African continent. In addition to the flight between Changsha and Nairobi, direct connections between other Chinese metropolises and various African cities are increasing. This expansion of flights reflects the rising number of China-Africa exchanges. Xinhua.

#### China's green panda bonds are 'reliable' financing option for Africa, summit hears

Digital financial inclusion event in Nairobi brings together more than 100 fintech companies from African and Asian countries. African countries can easily raise financing by issuing "stable and reliable" green panda bonds, an executive of China's central bank has told a summit in Nairobi, as Beijing steps up its internationalization of the Chinese currency. "We welcome Africa to launch green bonds in China to raise stable and RMB-based financing from the Chinese market," said Ji Min, director general of the People's Bank of China counsellor's office. Speaking at the 2024 China-Africa Digital Financial Inclusion Summit on Wednesday, Jin described the bonds as a "reliable and predictable source of funds" and noted that Egypt last year became the first African nation to issue green panda bonds. Facing an economic crisis and consequently fewer US dollars and other hard currencies, Egypt floated a three-year sustainability panda bond worth 3.5 billion yuan (US\$478 million) in October. South China Morning Post.

## Xi to attend opening ceremony of 2024 Summit of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation

Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) on Sept. 5 in Beijing and deliver a keynote speech, foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying announced yesterday. During the summit, Xi will host a welcome banquet and bilateral events for the leaders of FOCAC's African members and representatives of relevant African regional organizations and international organizations invited to the summit, Hua said. Themed "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future," the 2024 Summit of the FOCAC will be held from Sept. 4 to 6. "Following the 2006 FOCAC Beijing Summit, the 2015 FOCAC Johannesburg Summit and the 2018 FOCAC Beijing Summit, the upcoming summit is another happy reunion of the friendly family of China and Africa. It is also the largest diplomatic event hosted by China in recent years and attended by the most foreign leaders," Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong told a news briefing yesterday. IPP Media.

#### Peace Ark makes first visit to S. Africa

The Chinese naval hospital ship Peace Ark, which is on the Mission Harmony-2024, arrived in South Africa on Thursday. The seven-day visit is the ship's first in South Africa. In addition to providing medical services, Peace Ark's medical expert teams will administer treatment in local hospitals and conduct academic exchanges on traditional Chinese medicine in the Confucius Institute for Chinese Medicine at the University of the Western Cape, according to China Military Online. Mission Harmony-2024, the 10th for Peace Ark since its commissioning in 2008, started on June 16 when the ship set sail from a military port in Zhoushan, East China's Zhejiang province. During the mission, the hospital ship provided medical treatment to nearly 1,200 people per day in the Seychelles and welcomed a baby born on the ship in Tanzania, said Zhang Xiaogang, spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of National Defense, at a media conference on July 25. The ship will visit 13 countries for the mission and provide medical services to the locals. China Daily.

#### African journalists eve closer ties with Chinese media

African journalists expressed their willingness for mutually beneficial cooperation with Chinese media during the Hongting Forum webinar held on Friday in Abidjan, the economic capital of Cote d'Ivoire. During the virtual meeting, which attracted about 50 participants from more than 10 French-speaking countries in Central and West Africa, participants praised the vitality of media cooperation between Africa and China. "The media is a witness to Sino-African friendship," said Gerard Ayiagnigni Njoya, editor-in-chief of Actu Chine Cameroon. "It is clear that in my country, the media, through its functions, has boosted diplomatic and economic relations between China and Togo," said Yibokou-Mensah Akossiwa, a journalist with the Savoir News Agency in Togo. Emmanuel Dulac Houssou, a Beninese journalist and trainer at Afrique Express, highlighted the positive communication surrounding the increase of Chinese investment in Benin, the construction of infrastructure by Chinese companies, the development of e-commerce, and the promotion of culture and language through the Confucius Institute. Xinhua.

## Sino-Nigerian Ties and Attachment of Nigeria's Presidential Jets in France: Beyond Aircraft Immunity

Repudiation of validly contracted agreement, contrarily to the principle of sanctity of agreement or pacta sunt servanda, is not taken with kid gloves in international law and relations. When an agreement is done by a sovereign State and the obligations created are not respected by the signatories, the international responsibility of the concerned signatory may be raised. The same is true when the constituent parts of a nation-state do an international agreement. This is because the constituent parts are not recognised to act on behalf of the Federal Government. It is Nigeria that has to be internationally held responsible. Explained differently, the dispute between the Zhongshan Fucheng Industrial Investment in China and the Ogun State in south-west Nigeria over the development of a free-trade zone as a basis to attract international investments, is a case in point. This Day Live.

# Egypt Healthcare Authority, China's Mindray Explore Cooperation

Egypt Healthcare Authority is exploring opportunities for cooperation with Chinese medical device company Mindray, aiming to enhance the country's healthcare sector through technology transfer, training, and innovation. Ahmed El-Sobky, chairperson of Egypt Healthcare Authority and supervisor general of the Universal Health Insurance and Life Dignified projects under the Ministry of Health and Population, met with Mindray's Regional

Manager for North Africa Erik Li and other company officials on Thursday. The meeting focused on establishing a strategic partnership that would contribute to the development of Egypt's healthcare sector and attract further investment in the field. The two parties discussed opportunities for cooperation, including the transfer of Chinese technology to Egypt in coordination with state agencies and the private sector. Daily News Egypt.

## China-led int'l consortium to operate new large terminal at Egypt's Dekheila Port

A new large container terminal at Egypt's Dekheila Port on the Mediterranean Sea will be handed over to an international consortium led by China's Hutchison Ports for operation by the end of the year, according to an Egyptian official. "1,200 meters of the 1,680-meter-long terminal will be operated by the international consortium led by China's Hutchison Ports," Ahmed Hawash, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Port Authority, told Xinhua on Thursday. The backyard used at this terminal is 1 million square meters, with a container capacity of 1.5 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit), he said. "The aim of establishing the terminal is to increase the capacity for handling goods, whether general goods or containers," Hawash added. He noted that they have gained experience in terminal operations through cooperation with the international consortium. Xinhua.

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