

China-Nigeria Relations An Opportunity With Many Challenges

For the last decade, Africa has been a major recipient of Chinese investment in the form of infrastructure projects such as the construction of roads, seaports, railways and airports as well as the provision of agricultural equipment. Whereas the US and its allies by extension typically treat Africa and its struggling human development crisis as a problem needing to be solved, in contrast, China attempts to project the image of mutual opportunities and development where growth can take place. President Xi Jinping often frames China as a "developing nation" despite its significant economic and technological advancements. This perspective is rooted in China's need to address internal disparities, particularly in rural areas, and to focus on long-term goals like achieving modernisation by 2049. Daily Trust.

Tinubu appoints Tegbe as DG China-Nigeria strategic partnership

President Bola Tinubu has appointed Mr Joseph Tegbe as the Director-General and global liaison for the Nigeria-China strategic partnership, following the agreements reached during Tinubu's visit to China in early September 2024. Tegbe, a first-class graduate in Civil Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University (1988), will report directly to the President. This was disclosed in a State House release issued by the President's Special Adviser on Information and Strategy, Bayo Onanuga, on Sunday. The statement noted that Tegbe, a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria and the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, will "immediately submit a strategic action plan to enable Nigeria to benefit from the agreements between the two countries in Beijing. Punch Newspaper.

China and Uganda launch the largest hydropower project

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni inaugurated the 600-megawatt Karuma Hydropower Station and Karuma Interconnection Project, both constructed by China, in Kiryandongo district. The event, held on Thursday, was attended by Uganda's Vice President Jessica Alupo, ministers, senior officials, and international development partners, News.Az reports. Museveni expressed his gratitude to China for funding the project, emphasizing that access to affordable electricity is crucial for accelerating Uganda's economic growth. He acknowledged China's support, stating, "I am very thankful to our Chinese friends who not only provided technical expertise but also co-financed this impressive facility." The president also praised China for its decision, announced at the 2024 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Summit in Beijing, to grant zero-tariff treatment to 33 African countries, including Uganda. News az.

<u>Chinese investors wreak havoc in Zimbabwe: Mountains are disappearing whilst the country's economy sinks deeper — Report</u>

THE relationship between Chinese-owned extractive companies and communities in Zimbabwe has become increasingly unfriendly, adversarial and fraught with mistrust and deep suspicion. There is overwhelming evidence

of outright disdain and disregard for the cultural sensitivities of host communities by the Chinese investors. This is contained in a damning report by Centre for Natural Resource Governance (CNRG) titled, "Investments or Plunder; An Assessment of the Impacts of Chinese Investments in Zimbabwe's Extractive Sector", launched last Friday in Harare. The dossier has unearthed shocking details of how the Chinese investors are allegedly extracting the country's minerals leaving a trail of destruction on the land, exposing locals to health hazards, violation of labour rights and sexual abuse of women, especially house helpers. New Zimbabwe.

China celebrates 75th founding anniversary

The People's Republic of China through its Embassy near Monrovia over the weekend held a reception in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of China. During the celebration, Chinese diplomatic representatives in Liberia committed to developing and strengthening diplomatic ties with Liberia through the China-Liberia friendship. The program brought together over four hundred participants. Liberia's Vice President Jeremiah Kpan Koung, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Sylvester Grigsby, Acting Foreign Minister Cllr. Deweh E. Gray, Associate Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay, and Members of the Diplomatic Corps graced the occasion. Remarking on the program, Chinese Ambassador to Liberia Rin Chengwu said that over the past year, the strategic guidance of the two heads of state has become more powerful. The New Dawn Liberia.

University of Botswana Seeks Chinese Partnership for Training to Boost Staff Qualifications

University of Botswana (UB) Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris, has appealed to the Chinese Embassy to assist in establishing a collaboration with Chinese universities to provide PhD training for UB staff. The Vice Chancellor made the request during a visit by Mr. Fan Yong, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Botswana and China's representative to the Southern African Development Community (SADC). In his appeal, Professor Norris highlighted that 54 percent of UB's academic staff currently hold PhDs. However, as the University was undergoing a transformation into a High-Performance Organisation (HPO), he underscored the need for the remaining 46 percent of staff to pursue PhD qualifications in order to enhance the institution's academic and research capabilities. University of Botswana.

China to deepen industrial and supply chain cooperation with Africa during the upcoming 2nd CISCE

China will deepen business cooperation with African countries in industrial and supply chain integration, promoting mutual benefits and shared growth within the context of the upcoming China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE), a spokesperson for the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) said on Sunday. The second CISCE is scheduled to take place in Beijing from November 26 to 30. As the world's first exhibition themed around supply chain, this event stands as another vital bridge for fostering international business cooperation, following the highly anticipated China-Africa Cooperation Forum summit. Wang Linjie, a spokesperson for the CCPIT, said on Sunday during a regular press conference that China will fully utilize the CISCE as a platform for enhancing trade, boosting investment partnerships, driving innovation, and encouraging knowledge-sharing to foster China-Africa business cooperation and industrial chain integration. Global Times.

From "Hello Africa" to "Hello China": Bridge cultures in Sino-African classrooms

Since the 1950s, China has been fostering African language education. Over the last decade, with deepening China-Africa ties, seven Chinese universities have introduced African language majors. This exchange aids mutual comprehension and sparks a surge in Chinese language learning in Africa as well. Xinhua.

Digital trade expo further taps China-Africa cooperation potential

In the bustling "Smart Africa" pavilion at the third Global Digital Trade Expo held in east China's Zhejiang Province, 27-year-old Mafu, wearing a traditional African-style head wrap, was passionately promoting authentic Ethiopian coffee beans via TikTok. Her inspiring performance captured the attention of many curious onlookers. "I mainly introduce overseas audiences to the origin, unique features and tasting techniques of our products, but most importantly, I highlight the discounts and favorable prices," said the young woman from South Africa. About four months ago, Mafu arrived in China to study at Hangzhou Vocational & Technical College. This opportunity arose through a one-year talent training program focused on cross-border e-commerce. Xinhua.

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