

## <u>Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong Attends the Reception Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between China and Gabon</u>

On November 29, 2024, Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong attended and addressed the reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Gabon. Chen Xiaodong said that having stood the test of the changing international landscape, China-Gabon relations have grown from strength to strength and become a fine example of China-Africa solidarity and cooperation. At the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in September this year, President Xi Jinping and President Brice Clotaire Oligui Nguema, along with other African leaders, outlined the grand blueprint for China and Africa to jointly advance modernization. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The People's Republic of China.

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### Nigeria, China to focus on commodity export, industrialisation

In line with the comprehensive strategic partnership between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the People's Republic of China, a delegation from Zhuzhou City in China's Hunan Province has visited Nigeria to explore new areas of cooperation between both countries. The delegation, led by the Mayor of Zhuzhou City, Mao Tengfei, was warmly received by Joseph Tegbe, he Director-General of the Nigeria-China Strategic Partnership (NCSP). Expressing his excitement at the partnership between both countries, Mayor Mao gave an overview of Zhuzhou City, highlighting its industrial and technological advancements. Businessday NG.

#### Tanzania promotes Chinese language courses in local schools

As China's global influence continues to expand, interest in its culture and language is also on the rise. Tanzania is pushing to increase Chinese language courses offered in lower levels of education, alongside other foreign languages already taught in schools. CGTN.

# Chinese Demand for Rosewood Empowers Some of Africa's Deadliest Terrorist Groups For centuries, cultures around the globe have prized items made from rosewood due to its fine-grained durability and rich coloring. Nowhere has this been more true than in China, where rosewood furniture, with its intense cherry red hues, carries cultural associations of prosperity and life-affirming energy. Although historically only attainable for wealthy merchants and elite members of the Ming and Qinq-era imperial courts, in recent decades, the rapid expansion of China's middle class has sparked an

unprecedented explosion of demand for all things rosewood. The Diplomat.

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