



China and Africa celebrate deepening ties at Africa Day in Beijing

This year's Africa Day celebration was held in Beijing on Saturday, bringing together African ambassadors to China, Chinese officials, scholars and cultural representatives to discuss a global momentum toward greater equity, inclusion and historical understanding, and deepen the friendship and growing cooperation between China and Africa. CGTN.

Africa can harness China's DeepSeek to leapfrog into AI future

The recent release of DeepSeek, an open-source large language model developed in China, has sparked global interest not just for its technological sophistication, but also for what it represents: the accelerating democratisation of Artificial Intelligence. For Africa, a continent often seen as a late adopter in the tech space, DeepSeek and its peers offer a unique window to leapfrog into the AI era not as passive consumers, but as active developers and shapers of this transformative technology. The Star.

South Africa's Cape Town embraces Chinese culture with vibrant Dragon Boat Festival

Cape Town embraced traditional Chinese culture on Saturday with its annual celebration of the Dragon Boat Festival, making a splash in South Africa's legislative capital. The Dragon Boat Festival, also known as the Duanwu Festival, traditionally falls on the fifth day of the fifth month in the Chinese lunar calendar. It will be celebrated on May 31 this year. Xinhua.

China Promotes Tea For Diplomacy, Cultural Unity

The Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Yu Dunhai, has highlighted tea as a powerful symbol of unity and a vital tool for deepening cultural and diplomatic ties between nations. Ambassador Dunhai emphasised the role of tea in fostering mutual understanding and strengthening cooperation between China and Nigeria. Ambassador Dunhai made this statement at the "Tea for Harmony — Yaji Cultural Salon" event, held in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, to mark the United Nations International Tea Day. Voice of Nigeria.

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Yu stated this on the occasion of the 2025 Tea for Harmony Yaji Cultural Salon: Tea in Nature's Whisper of Picturesque Jiangnan, which was held in Abuja. He recalled the visit of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to China in 2024, whereby China and Nigeria upgraded their bilateral relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, stating that cultural exchange is a very important aspect of the initiative. The Sun Nigeria.

China, Nigeria Collaborate on Cultural Initiatives to Promote Peace

Nigeria and China have emphasised that cultural initiatives would remain one of the most potent tools for

promoting peace. The correlation between cultural initiatives and peace was made during the fifth National Entertainment and Peace Summit, themed: 'Cultivating A Culture of Peace,' organised by the Drum Majors for Peace in partnership with the China Cultural Centre in Nigeria to commemorate World Peace Day 2024 in Abuja. The cultural counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Nigeria, Mr. Yang Jianxing, said there was a close relationship between entertainment and peace. This Day Live.

Chinese language proficiency competition held in Ethiopia to promote cultural exchanges

Addis Ababa: The 24th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Ethiopian college students was held Friday in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, with 14 finalists from universities across the country showcasing their Mandarin skills and cultural knowledge. The event, hosted at Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia's oldest higher education institution, drew participants from various institutions, including the Ethiopian Technical and Vocational Training Institute (TVTI). The Peninsula.

US-Israeli Pressure at Egypt's Borders Sparks Cairo's Turn to Chinese Stealth Tech and Advanced Radar

Israeli websites have revealed significant Israeli concern over Egypt's acquisition of Chinese fifth-generation stealth fighters, which include advanced Chinese radar systems. These systems include a sophisticated and modern Chinese defense system and advanced Chinese military radars capable of militarily disrupting the military capabilities of Egypt's neighbor, Israel, and protecting Egyptian airspace and repelling any threats. China is also supplying Egypt with an advanced, highly intelligent radar system. Modern Diplomacy.

Congo eyes U.S. minerals deal by June amid China competition

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is aiming to finalize a major minerals agreement with the United States by the end of June, according to senior Congolese officials. The deal is expected to attract U.S. investment in critical minerals and secure American backing to help end a Rwandan-backed rebellion in the country's east, according to a Financial Times report. Business Insider.

With flying kicks into future, Tanzanian girls find strength in Chinese kung fu

Mariam Saidi Mfaume tightened her tiny fists, took a deep breath, and launched into a flying kick that sliced through the misty air. Raindrops tapped gently on the leaves above, but nothing could stop the six-year-old from pursuing her kung fu dreams. On a damp evening in the outskirts of Tanzania's coastal city of Dar es Salaam, while most children were indoors avoiding the elements, Mariam was practicing kung fu with a group of girls, some older and some even younger than her, under the trees. Xinhua.

Kenya asks China to fully fund Sh581.6bn Malaba SGR extension amid fiscal strain

Kenya now wants China to take on the full cost of extending the standard gauge railway (SGR) from Naivasha to Malaba, abandoning an earlier plan that required Nairobi to raise 30 per cent or Sh174 billion of the Sh581.6 billion project. According to the National Treasury, the government is under fiscal constraints that have made it difficult for the country to contribute to the mega infrastructure project. National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi said Kenya is no longer in a position to meet the 30 per cent financing requirement due to growing expenditure and limited revenue. The Eastleigh Voice.

Int'l agricultural fair opens in West Africa with China as guest of honor

The 7th Abidjan International Agriculture and Animal Resources Exhibition, a major agricultural fair in West Africa, opened here Friday, with China participating as the guest of honor. Speaking at the opening ceremony, Cote d'Ivoire's Prime Minister Robert Beugre Mambe said China is a "global champion of agriculture" and a key partner in strengthening the country's agricultural sector. While noting progress in production and exports, he said Ivorian agriculture still faces challenges in the diversification of cash crops, local processing of produce, high-quality input production, mechanization of farms, and combating the adverse effects of climate change. Global Times.

Niger plans to cut number of Chinese oil workers, documents show

Niger has asked that some Chinese employees working on oil projects leave the country, documents seen by Reuters on Friday showed, a move that could affect dozens and further strain bilateral ties. Similar to other West African countries, junta-led Niger has been trying to assert greater control over its natural resources and promote local employment. Citizen Digital.