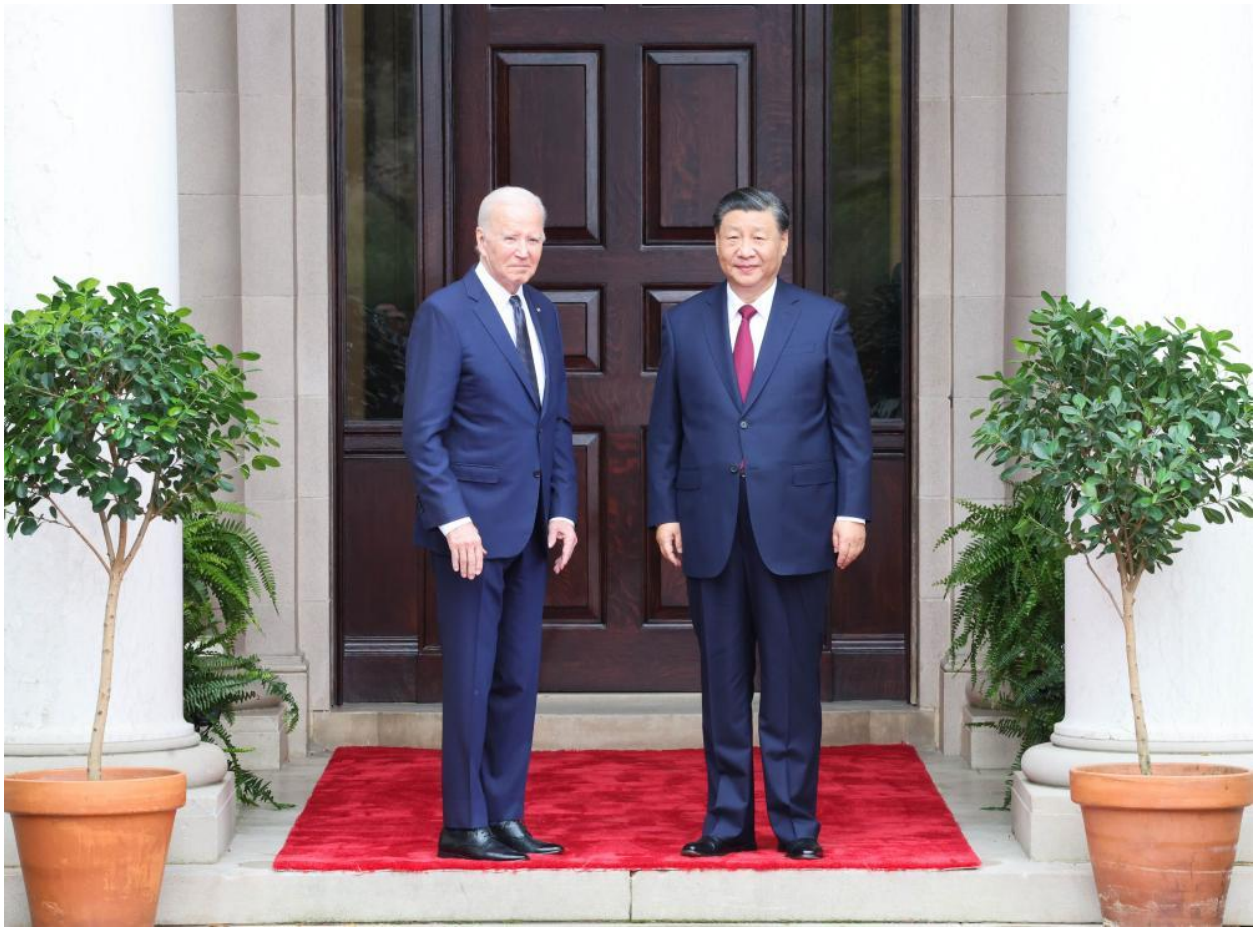


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Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with U.S. President Joe Biden at Filoli Estate in the U.S. state of California, Nov. 15, 2023. (Photo/Xinhua)

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## I. Focus on China

### 1. Xi inspects post-flood reconstruction in Beijing, Hebei



On November 10, Chinese President Xi Jinping visited the areas affected by floods this summer in Beijing and Hebei Province.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, called for continuous efforts in post-flood reconstruction to ensure that local people could lead comfortable lives and spend a warm winter.

Xi stressed upholding a people-centered approach and called for redoubled efforts to address safety loopholes and strengthen weak links.

He urged accelerated progress in improving the systems of flood prevention projects and emergency management, and continuous enhancement of disaster prevention, mitigation, and relief capabilities.

In late July and early August, Beijing, Hebei, and several other parts of China

were hit by floods and geological disasters caused by extreme rainfall, resulting in heavy casualties.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/epqHX>

### **2. Xi urges all-out rescue efforts after coal mine company building fire**

Chinese President Xi Jinping has ordered all-out efforts to rescue and treat the injured after a fire accident at a building of a coal mine company in north China's Shanxi Province on the morning of November 16.

Xi asked all regions and relevant departments to thoroughly identify risks in key industries to safeguard people's lives, property, and social stability.

Xi, who is visiting abroad, made the instructions immediately after the accident.

The fire that happened in the city of Lyuliang has left 26 people dead and 38 others injured.

The accident caused heavy casualties, and the lesson is profound, Xi said, urging authorities to find out the cause of the accident as soon as possible, and hold accountable those responsible.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/fqxV6>

### **3. Xi stresses foreign-related legal system development**

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, has stressed the need to strengthen foreign-related legal system development, as he chaired a group study session of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee on November 27.

Xi highlighted the need to create law-based governance conditions and a favorable external environment for advancing Chinese modernization.

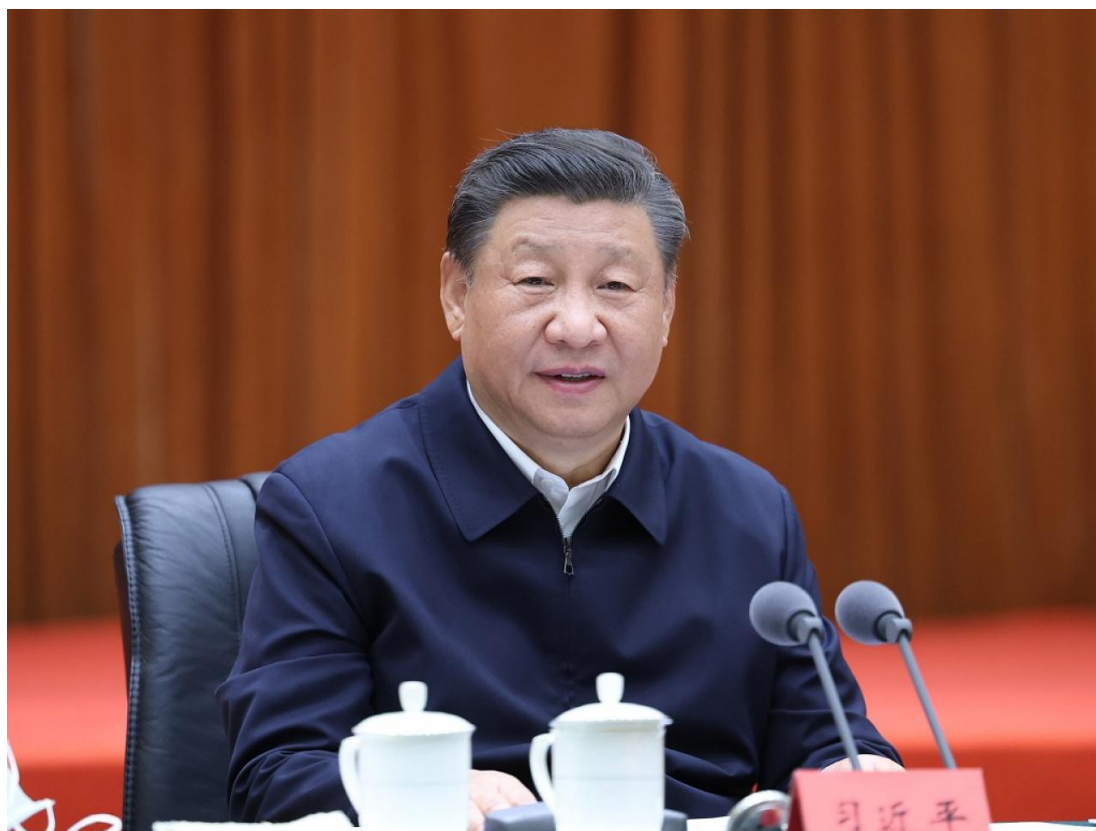
Xi emphasized that bolstering the rule of law in foreign affairs serves the long-term need for building a strong nation and advancing national rejuvenation through a Chinese path to modernization.

He further underscored the immediate importance of foreign-related legal system development in fostering high-standard opening-up and addressing external risks and challenges.

Calling for attention to the importance and urgency of the issue, Xi stressed



the need to foster a foreign-related legal system and capacity that meet the needs of high-quality development and high-standard opening-up.



A professor from Wuhan University gave a lecture, after which members of the Political Bureau had a discussion.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/fELM3>

#### **4. Xi stresses making new major breakthroughs in integrated development of Yangtze River Delta**

On November 30, Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed efforts to make new major breakthroughs in the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta and enhance the region's leading and exemplary role in pursuing Chinese modernization.

Xi underlined the importance of advancing the region's integrated development, improving its innovation capacity, industrial competitiveness and development quality, and forming a new pattern of higher-level reform and opening up. These are of great significance for China to build a new development paradigm, promote high-quality development, and advance the building of a strong

country and national rejuvenation through a Chinese path to modernization, he said.

Xi said that it is necessary to fully and faithfully apply the new development philosophy on all fronts, focus on integration and high quality, establish a global vision and strategic thinking, unswervingly deepen reform and expand high-level opening up, and coordinate scientific and technological innovation with industrial innovation, hardware connectivity with mechanism coordination, and environmental protection with economic development, so as to make new major breakthroughs in the integrated development of the Yangtze River Delta.



Premier Li Qiang, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, attended the meeting.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/fEG02>

## **5. China releases a white paper on CPC policies on governance of Xizang in new era**

On November 10, China's State Council Information Office released a white paper on the policies of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on the governance of Xizang Autonomous Region in the new era.

The white paper, titled “CPC Policies on the Governance of Xizang in the New Era: Approach and Achievements,” highlighted that the CPC’s guidelines for governing Xizang in the new era have brought about all-round progress and historic success in various undertakings in the region.



Since the 18<sup>th</sup> CPC National Congress held in 2012, Xizang has experienced a period of unprecedented development and huge change, bringing more tangible benefits to the people, said the white paper.

Xizang’s gross domestic product reached 213.26 billion yuan (about 29.3 billion U.S. dollars) in 2022, representing an average annual growth rate of 8.6 percent since 2012. The length of the region’s railway network had almost doubled during this period and 5G network has covered all counties and main townships there. The region had also eradicated absolute poverty and average life expectancy of Tibetans had increased to 72.19 years by 2021.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/fipQ9>

Full text of the white paper: [http://english.scio.gov.cn/node\\_9004977.html](http://english.scio.gov.cn/node_9004977.html)

## II. China’s Diplomacy



## 6. Xi, Biden talk on strategic issues critical to China-U.S. relations, world



On November 15, Chinese President Xi Jinping and U.S. President Joe Biden had a candid and in-depth exchange of views on strategic and overarching issues critical to the direction of China-U.S. relations and on major issues affecting world peace and development.

The meeting was held at Filoli Estate, a country house approximately 40 km south of San Francisco, California. Biden warmly received Xi when he arrived at Filoli Estate.

Noting that the world today is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century, Xi said there are two options for China and the United States -- one is to enhance solidarity and cooperation, join hands to meet global challenges and promote global security and prosperity; and the other is to cling to the zero-sum mentality, provoke rivalry and confrontation, and drive the world toward turmoil and division.

The two choices point to two different directions that will decide the future of humanity and Planet Earth, he said. For China and the United States, turning their back on each other is not an option, Xi noted, stressing it is unrealistic for one side



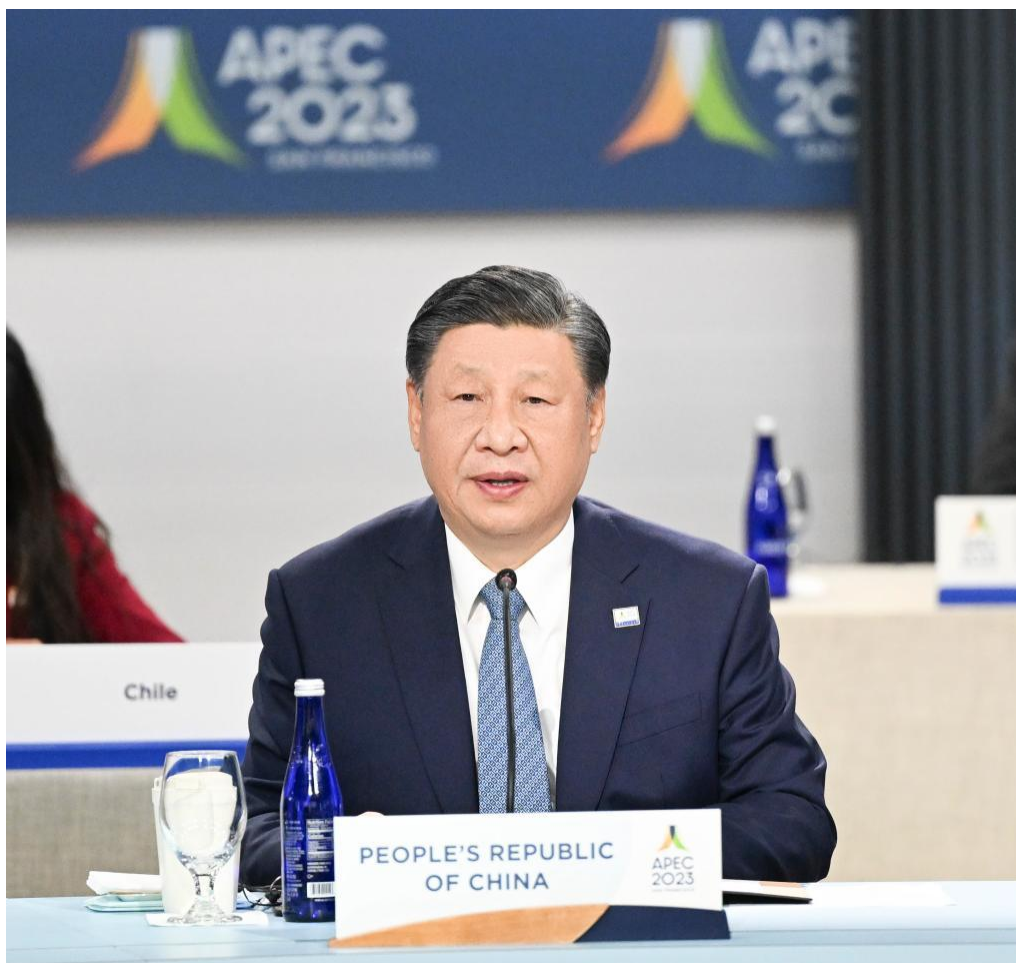
to remodel the other, and conflict and confrontation has unbearable consequences for both sides.

Noting that U.S.-China relationship is the most important bilateral relationship in the world, Biden said that a U.S.-China conflict is not inevitable, adding a stable and developing China serves the interests of the United States and the world, and China's economic growth is beneficial to both the United States and the world.

Reaffirming the five commitments he made at the Bali summit, Biden said that the United States does not seek a new Cold War, it does not seek to change China's system, it does not seek to revitalize alliances against China, it does not support "Taiwan independence," and that it has no intention to have a conflict with China.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/bMVW2>

## 7. Xi puts forward proposals on APEC cooperation in next "golden 30 years"



On November 17, Chinese President Xi Jinping called on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members to stick to innovation, openness, green and inclusive development in promoting regional cooperation in order for the region to usher in another “golden 30 years.”

Addressing the 30<sup>th</sup> APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting held at Moscone Center, San Francisco , Xi said that since the establishment of the economic leaders’ regular meeting mechanism, APEC has always stood at the global forefront of openness and development, and has played a robust role in promoting Asia-Pacific trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, economic growth and technological progress, and the flow of goods and people. It has helped create the “Asia-Pacific miracle” that has staggered the world.

Xi regarded it imperative to remain steadfast in our commitment to APEC’s founding mission, respond to the calls of our times responsibly, meet global challenges together, fully deliver on the Putrajaya Vision of building an open, dynamic, resilient and peaceful Asia-Pacific community for the prosperity of all our people and future generations.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/filsz>

### 8. Xi urges ceasefire in Gaza, stresses two-state solution



On November 21, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the BRICS extraordinary virtual summit on the Palestinian-Israeli issue, saying that the parties to the conflict must end hostilities and achieve a ceasefire immediately.

Xi called on the parties to stop all violence and attacks against civilians, release civilians held captive, and act to prevent loss of more lives and spare people from more miseries.

Xi said humanitarian corridors must be kept secure and unimpeded, and more humanitarian assistance should be provided to the population in Gaza.

He said the international community must act with practical measures to prevent the conflict from spilling over and endangering stability in the Middle East as a whole.

He emphasized that the only viable way to break the cycle of Palestinian-Israeli conflict lies in the two-state solution, in the restoration of the legitimate national rights of Palestine, and in the establishment of an independent State of Palestine.

China calls for early convening of an international peace conference that is more authoritative to build international consensus for peace and work toward an early solution to the question of Palestine that is comprehensive, just and sustainable, Xi said.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/jFJPW>

### **9. Chinese premier vows further opening up at high-profile import expo**



On November 5, Chinese Premier Li Qiang vowed efforts to further expand opening up and share China's development opportunities with the rest of the world.

Li made the remarks during his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the sixth China International Import Expo (CIIE) and the Hongqiao International Economic Forum in Shanghai.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has sent a letter to the expo, reiterating China's firm determination to advance high-standard opening up and facilitate the building of an open world economy.

China will continue to promote opening-up with greater market opportunities, Li said, adding that China has a population of over 1.4 billion people and a middle-income group of over 400 million people, presenting huge potential in terms of market demand.

Noting that China has always been willing to share its market opportunities, Li said the country will actively expand imports, promote coordinated development of trade in goods and services, implement negative lists for cross-border service trade, support innovation in foreign trade formats and models, and boost digital trade.

China's imports of goods and services are expected to reach 17 trillion U.S. dollars in cumulative terms in the next five years, according to him.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/ryMN3>

### **10. China extends visa-free transit policy to 54 countries**

China expanded its visa-free transit policy on November 17 to include citizens from Norway for a 72/144-hour stay, bringing the total number of applicable countries to 54.

Citizens from the 54 countries are exempted from visa requirements during transit for 72 or 144 hours when heading for a third nation, said the National Immigration Administration (NIA).

They are allowed to engage in short-term activities such as travel and business visits during the visa-free stay, it added.

Currently, a 72-hour visa-free transit policy is applied in the cities of Changsha, Guilin and Harbin, while international travelers are allowed to transit in 20 cities, including Beijing, Tianjin and Shijiazhuang, up to 144 hours visa-free.



The move aims to serve high-standard opening up, facilitate the mobility of Chinese and foreign nationals and promote international exchanges, according to the NIA.

Since its inception in January 2013, more than 500,000 foreigners traveled through China under the visa-free policy.

### **11. Chinese premier attends virtual G20 leaders' summit**



On November 22, Chinese Premier Li Qiang attended and delivered a speech at the Virtual G20 Leaders' Summit in Beijing.

Noting the road to global economic recovery is still difficult, Li said China stands ready to work with all parties to respond to the call of the times, and forge ahead to create a better future for humanity.

Li called on G20 members to give high priority to development cooperation and oppose the politicization of development issues.

The premier said that more practical measures should be taken to implement the consensus reached at the 18<sup>th</sup> G20 Summit in New Delhi.

“It is necessary to coordinate and cooperate more closely, revitalize

multilateralism, continue to strengthen macro policy cooperation, and pay more attention to the concerns of developing countries in the reform of the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund,” Li said.

Noting China has demonstrated through practical actions its firm determination to promote high-level opening up and to share development opportunities with the world, Li said China will continue to work with all parties in an open and inclusive manner to make greater contribution to world economic recovery and global development and prosperity.

Leaders of G20 members, leaders of guest countries, and heads of relevant international organizations attended the meeting.

## 12. China releases 10-year vision, action plan for BRI, focusing on green, digital development and supply chain



On November 24, China published a document entitled “Vision and Actions for High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation: Brighter Prospects for the Next Decade,” which specified the key areas and directions for Belt and Road cooperation in the next 10 years.

The China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has injected new growth momentum into the world economy and created vast room for global development. The initiative is believed to bring benefits to its partner countries through the

newly released vision and action plan for BRI's development in the next decade, with some new focuses on green and digital development, as well as the stability and sustainability of supply chains.

From a China-proposed initiative to an international practice, the BRI, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2023, has become a well-received international public good and a platform for international cooperation.

Analysts noted that the new action plan comes in time for future development, as the next "golden decade" for BRI starts and the plan involves new industries and global concerns. New cooperation sectors such as innovation, the digital economy and green development should be explored to inject vitality and momentum into the BRI, they said.

Read more: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202311/1302470.shtml>

### **13. China releases position paper on resolving Palestinian-Israeli conflict, calls for comprehensive ceasefire**



On November 30, China released a position paper on resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, which offered five proposals on promoting peace, and achieving a comprehensive, just, and lasting resolution to the Palestinian issue, including immediately implementing a comprehensive ceasefire, effectively



protecting civilians, ensuring humanitarian assistance, enhancing diplomatic mediation, and seeking a political solution.

The paper, titled “Position Paper of the People’s Republic of China On Resolving the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” was released one day after China, the rotating president of the UN Security Council for November, led a UN Security Council high-level meeting on the Palestinian-Israeli issue. Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Foreign Minister Wang Yi travelled to New York to chair the meeting.

The paper stated that the current Palestinian-Israeli conflict has led to heavy civilian casualties and a serious humanitarian disaster. There is a high level of concern throughout the international community.

Full text of the Position Paper: <https://shorturl.at/djnpT>

### **III. China-Tanzania Relations and Embassy Updates**

#### **14. Ambassador Chen Mingjian attends launching ceremony of Luban workshop in Tanzania**



On November 15, Ambassador Chen Mingjian attended the launching ceremony of China’s Luban workshop at state-run Ardhi University in Dar es



Salaam, together with Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof. Adolf Mkenda, Vice Mayor of Chongqing Municipality Mr. Shang Kui, Vice Chancellor of Ardhi University Prof. Evaristo Liwa, Chairman of Group Six International Mr. Janson Huang, and Secretary of the CPC Chongqing Vocational Institute of Engineering (CQVIE) Committee Mr. Yi Jun.

Speaking at the launch of the Luban workshop, Ambassador Chen Mingjian said that the Luban workshop in Tanzania is committed to serving the economic and social development of the country, and that the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania will fully support the construction and operation of the Luban Workshop project in Tanzania, promote people-to-people exchanges between China and Tanzania, and enhance China-Tanzania friendship.

Prof. Adolf Mkenda said that the construction of the Luban workshop at Ardhi University is an important move in nurturing vocational skills, which supports Tanzania's development plans across sectors. He thanked the Chinese side, including the Chongqing Vocational Institute of Engineering of China, for supporting the construction of the Luban workshop, which he said will promote the employability of the country's young graduates.

Prof. Evaristo Liwa said in his speech that Luban workshops are potential spaces that increase the local supply of skilled labor force and reduce external dependency on the same skills, hence enhancing the employability of the youth. "It is important to mention that the Luban workshop will be used by the entire university, especially for students, staff, and researchers engaged in the construction sector."

### **15. 132 Tanzanian teachers, students win Chinese ambassador's award for excelling in Chinese language**

On November 16, at least 132 Tanzanian teachers and students were declared winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> Chinese Ambassador's Award for making special contributions to Chinese language instruction or excelling in Chinese language learning in 2023.

The winners who were given various presents at a ceremony held at the Chinese Embassy in Dar es Salaam were 125 Tanzanian students and seven teachers from 18 secondary schools and five universities.

Chen Mingjian, the Chinese ambassador to Tanzania, said since the establishment of the Chinese Ambassador's Award in 2018, more and more

Tanzanian students have studied the Chinese language and more Tanzanian schools have established Chinese subjects, classes, and various types of courses.

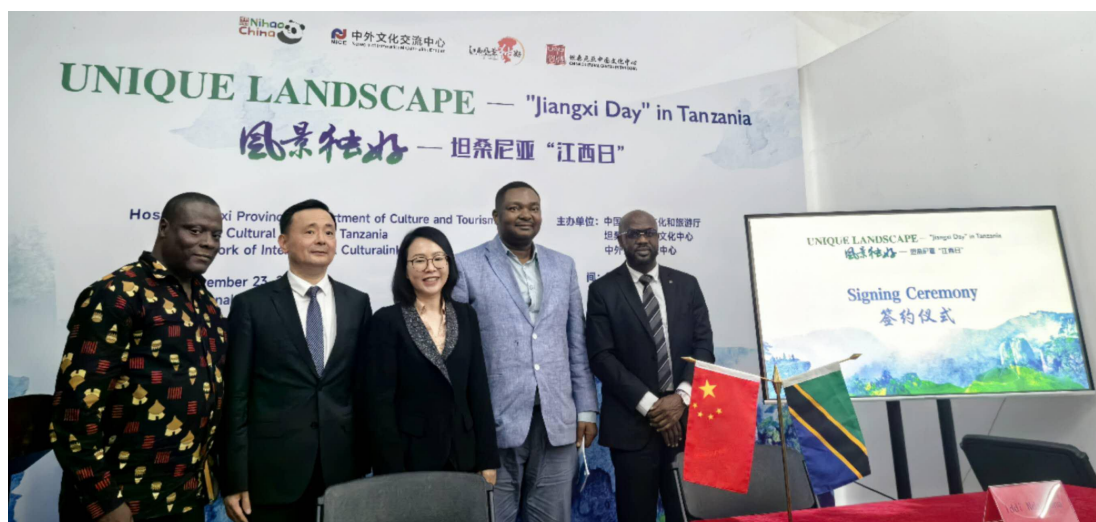
At present, Chinese language teaching is included in Tanzania's national education system, which shows the support of the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology for Chinese language learning and has great significance, Ambassador Chen said, adding that at present 25,000 Tanzanian students are learning the Chinese language.



Adolf Mkenda, Minister for Education, Science and Technology of Tanzania, said that studying the Chinese language not only benefits the student's long-term personal development but will also contribute to the future friendship and cooperation between China and Tanzania.

“I hope you will cherish the time at school to study hard, apply what you have learned to your practical work later, and make contributions to the economic and social development of Tanzania,” said Minister Mkenda in a speech read on his behalf by Peter Msoffe, Director of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

### **16. Ambassador Chen Mingjian attends “Jiangxi Day in Tanzania” cultural tourism promotion exhibition**



Ambassador Chen Mingjian on November 23 attended the “Jiangxi Day in Tanzania” cultural tourism promotion exhibition held at the National Museum of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam, together with Mr. Chen Min, Vice Governor of Jiangxi Provincial Government, Dr. Hussein Mohamed Ommar, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture of Tanzania, and Mr. Noel Lwoga, Director General of the National Museum of Tanzania.

Ambassador Chen said in recent years, Jiangxi province and Tanzania have maintained friendly relations and carried out extensive cooperation and exchange in the fields of economy, trade, tourism, culture, and other fields.

Since the beginning of this year, people-to-people and cultural exchanges between the two countries have continued to develop, Ambassador Chen said, adding that Tanzania has increased the number of direct flights between Dar es Salaam, the country’s commercial hub, and China’s southern city of Guangzhou, further facilitating personnel exchanges.

Vice Governor Chen Min said Jiangxi is a cultural center with a profound cultural heritage, adding that the province has always been known as “endowed with natural treasures and outstanding people”.

Mr. Noel Lwoga told the audience that the event showcased the natural beauty and culture of China’s Jiangxi province. “It, therefore, promotes further exchanges and cooperation between Jiangxi province and Tanzania, and lets more people understand and love Jiangxi’s magnificent and beautiful scenery and profound cultural heritage, and builds friendship between the people of the two countries,” said Mr. Lwoga.

Located in central China, Jiangxi province is rich in natural resources with its

national scenic spots, and the largest freshwater Poyang Lake in China, boasting abundant animal and plant resources.

**17. Ambassador Chen Mingjian holds talks with Tanzanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Dr. Dotto Biteko**

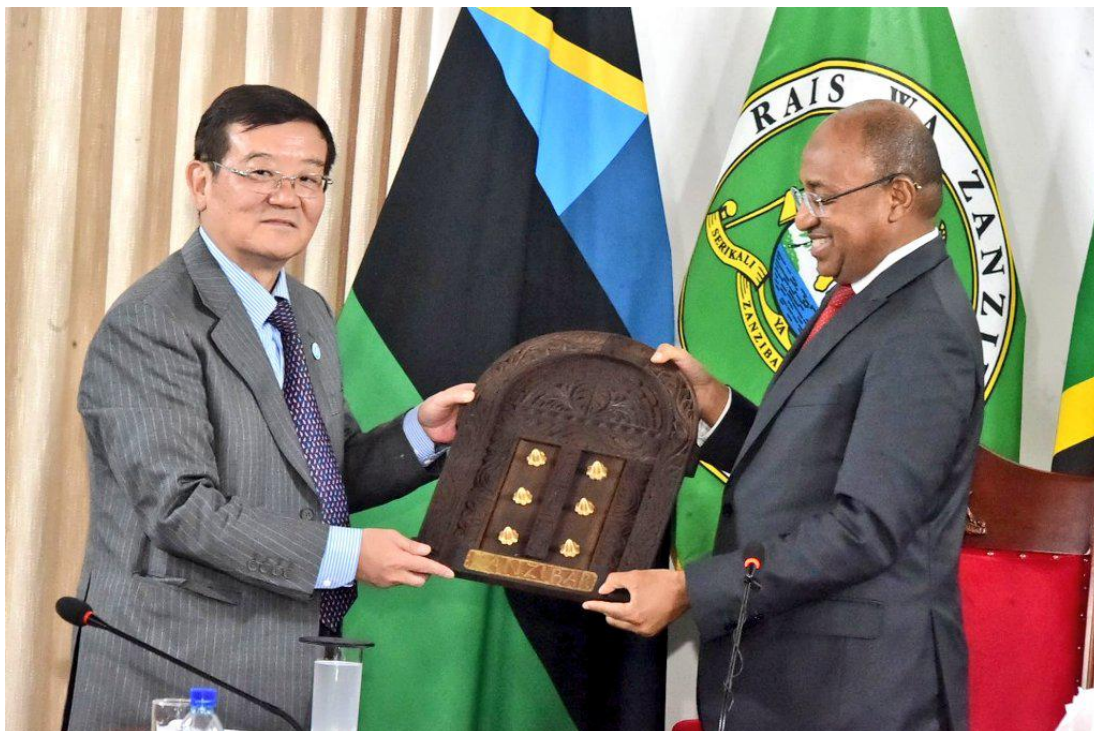


On November 24, Ambassador Chen Mingjian held talks with Tanzanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Hon. Dr. Doto Mashaka Biteko in Dar es Salaam. The two sides had an in-depth discussion on China-Tanzania relations and the bilateral cooperation in the energy field.

Ambassador Chen congratulated Hon. Dr. Doto Biteko on his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy. Hon. Dr. Biteko said that China is an important cooperation partner of Tanzania, and that the Tanzanian government attaches great importance to developing economic and trade relations with China. He sincerely thanked China for its long-term assistance and support to Tanzania's socioeconomic development.

**18. Executive Vice Chairman of All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce visits Tanzania**





From November 19 to 23, at the invitation of the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a delegation of All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce (ACFIC) headed by Executive Vice Chairman Mr. Xu Lejiang visited Tanzania.

During the visit, the delegation paid a courtesy call on President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, and held talks with the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of Economy and Investment of Zanzibar, as well as other governmental departments and chambers of commerce.

On November 22, accompanied by Ambassador Chen Mingjian, the delegation had a round table discussion with dozens of Chinese entrepreneurs living in Tanzania.

The delegation also visited several Chinese companies and investment projects in Tanzania, including East Africa Commercial and Logistic Center (EACLC), StarTimes Tanzania, and TBEA Co., Ltd.

Established in 1953, ACFIC is a mass organization and chamber of commerce led by the Communist Party of China (CPC) with non-public enterprises and people in non-public economic activities as the principal composition and with unified, economic and non-governmental characteristics.

### 19. Chinese TV drama “Welcome to Milele” starts airing



On November 21, the Chinese TV drama “Welcome to Milele” premiered on several TV channels and streaming sites in China. The drama, which presents stories that have truly happened in Africa, was filmed in six locations across China and Tanzania, making it a rare large-scale international co-production for Chinese TV dramas.

The production team said the drama possesses a global vision, showcasing China’s humanitarian spirit on the world stage. Timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the series highlights the selfless dedication of Chinese medical teams serving in Africa.

Read more: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202312/1303225.shtml>

## IV. Chinese Community in Tanzania

### 20. Chinese medical team doctors successfully deal with an ELBW case in Zanzibar

In mid-November 2023, despite lacking in key equipment, such as infusion pumps, respirators, and ECG monitoring, doctors of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Chinese medical team dispatched to Tanzania’s Zanzibar successfully dealt with an ELBW (extremely low birth weight) case. The twins were born at 29 weeks, with the elder weighing

less than 1 kilogram.

