



[Peng Liyuan attends summer camp for Chinese, African kids in Beijing](#)

Peng Liyuan, wife of Chinese President Xi Jinping, also a World Health Organization goodwill ambassador for tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS and a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization special envoy for the advancement of girls' and women's education, attended the "Love in the Sunshine" summer camp in Beijing for children from China and Africa and delivered a speech at Beijing Library on Friday. In the speech, she said that the summer camp is not only a get-together for Chinese and African children, but also a clear demonstration of the closeness between China and the African continent. As a companion on Africa's development path, she added, China is not only committed to ensuring the healthy growth of Chinese children, but also to contributing its strength to the healthy growth of African children. CGTN.

[China, South Africa still driving chrome supply globally](#)

In unpacking production and export figures for chrome and ferrochrome in 2023 and the first quarter of this year, the International Chromium Development Association (ICDA) has confirmed that China and South Africa continue to drive the chromium market. ICDA senior market research analyst Tanya Atalay says these markets have shown resilience amid the global economic slowdown. In China's case, demand for chrome ore and high-carbon ferrochrome remains robust on the back of higher stainless steel output, which supports chrome ore prices. In 2023, global chrome ore production experienced an increase, fuelled by heightened demand from Chinese smelters. The production of chrome ore increased by 4% year-on-year in 2023, on the back of a 4.6% year-on-year growth in stainless steel production – which is a major demand source for chrome. In the first quarter of the year, however, chrome ore production decreased compared with the fourth quarter of last year, owing to reduced consumption. The figures nonetheless demonstrate continued growth on a year-on-year basis. Mining Weekly.

[Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa Affairs of the Foreign Ministry Xue Bing Attends the Reception Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Liberation of Rwanda](#)

On July 19, 2024, Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa Affairs of the Foreign Ministry Xue Bing, upon invitation, attended the reception celebrating the 30th anniversary of the liberation of Rwanda held by the Embassy of Rwanda in China, and delivered a speech. Xue Bing congratulated Rwanda on the 30th anniversary of its liberation and said in recent years, President Xi Jinping and President Paul Kagame have steered the course of China-Rwanda relations in the new era. The two countries have deepened political mutual trust, conducted fruitful cooperation in various fields and enjoyed increasingly close people-to-people exchanges. China is ready to continue to work with Rwanda to jointly pursue development and revitalization and make new contributions to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Rwandan Ambassador to China James Kimonyo spoke highly of bilateral relations, thanked China for its strong support for Rwanda's development, appreciated China's practical and efficient cooperation based on the national conditions of African countries through the Belt

and Road Initiative and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation mechanism, and praised China-Africa cooperation with mutual respect, equal treatment and win-win results. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China.

Reforms adopted at key CPC plenum significant to China, world -- S. African media leader

The third plenary session of the 20th Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee is "of great significance not just to China but to the world," a South African media leader has said. "China is one of the key countries and economies in the world today, therefore what the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee decides, the direction and guidance it gives to the Chinese economy, is of great significance not just to China but to the world," Iqbal Surve, chairman of South Africa's Independent Media, told Xinhua in a recent interview concerning the plenum held in Beijing on July 15-18. He noted that the reforms adopted at the plenum will also have a spillover effect on Africa and South Africa in particular, as it can serve as a blueprint for Africans to address the issues of poverty, inequality, and lack of innovation. "Our experience is that historically these sessions have been instrumental in defining China's social economic strategies," Surve said. "And this is very important at this point, because nobody would argue with you when you say that the world is at a very critical juncture right now." Xinhua.

Kenya receives 20 new passenger coaches from China to boost transport capacity

Kenya on Monday received 20 new passenger coaches from China to increase transport capacity and improve passenger experience. They include 10 revamped economy-class coaches, four premium-class coaches, one dining car, one power car, and four first-class coaches. "This development is a significant milestone for the ministry as we continue to improve operational efficiency and service delivery in the transport sector," Mohamed Daghar, principal secretary in the Ministry of Roads and Transport, said during the flagging off of the coaches in the coastal city of Mombasa. He noted that with these developments in passenger services, Kenya is on course to transport 8.8 million passengers annually, comprising 6 million commuters and 2.8 million long-distance passengers. "The business and commerce sector is constantly growing, driven by the need for mobility. The government is committed to ensuring that this growth is matched with adequate transport and logistics infrastructure. This will secure Kenya's growth locally and enhance our competitive advantage globally," Daghar said. Xinhua.

Inspiring lessons from China as Kenya faces moment of rebirth

Every epoch, family, community, civilisation, nation, and generation witnesses the birth of a man or woman imbued with divine wisdom and mission, or even near-mythical magnetism, to shoulder a revolutionary idea and reshape and reset a people or society's destiny. Roman emperor and stoic philosopher Marcus Aurelius, who reigned from 161AD to 180 AD, said thus of such people: "Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart." Those called to this noble and divinely ordained duty must harken to the call through commitment, sacrifice, boldness, and big-heartedness. In the last century, one such man was Chairman Mao Zedong. From an early age, he was not only aware that his destiny was tied to those of his people but responded to their pitiful existence steeped in crushing poverty, ignorance, disease, and hunger and sought to change it radically. He was an indefatigable revolutionary figure who inspired the rebirth of a new China. Standard Media.

[Cultural Exchange Program: Uganda's Embassy in Beijing Hosts Chinese students](#)\

The Uganda Embassy in Beijing has opened its doors to a group of enthusiastic Chinese students for a unique cultural exchange program aimed at fostering greater understanding and appreciation of Ugandan culture and heritage. The initiative, led by Ambassador Oliver Wonekha, seeks to promote cross-cultural dialogue and strengthen ties between Uganda and China by providing Chinese students with a firsthand experience of Ugandan traditions, history, and way of life. During their visit, the students have had the opportunity to participate in a series of engaging activities, including traditional Ugandan and Chinese dance and music performances, interactive sessions on Ugandan cuisine and local customs, as well as insightful discussions on the rich history and biodiversity of Uganda. Ambassador Oliver Wonekha expressed her delight in hosting the students, stating, "It is essential to engage in cultural exchange programs like this to bridge the gap between our two nations and promote mutual understanding and friendship. ChimpReports.

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