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Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, extends festive greetings to all Chinese people when he holds virtual talks with the general public from across the country ahead of the Spring Festival in Beijing, capital of China, Jan. 18, 2023. (Photo/Xinhua)

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I. Focus on China

1. Xi calls on non-CPC members to better pool strength, serve overall interests of country



On January 16, Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, on Monday called on non-CPC members to perform their duties with greater effort and determination and play a better role in pooling the strength and serving the overall interests of the country.

Xi, also Chinese president and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks when he took part in an annual gathering with non-CPC members at the Great Hall of the People ahead of the Spring Festival, or the Chinese New Year.

On behalf of the CPC Central Committee, Xi extended congratulations to the newly-elected leaderships of the central committees of eight non-CPC political parties and the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce (ACFIC), and sent

greetings to people from non-CPC political parties and the ACFIC, personages without party affiliation, and members of the united front.

The year 2023 is the first full year for studying and implementing the guiding principles of the 20th CPC National Congress, with hopes and challenges alongside each other, Xi said, calling for concerted efforts to advance Chinese modernization.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3KkHPTn>

2. Xi makes video calls to people across China, extending festive greetings ahead of Year of Rabbit



On January 18, President Xi Jinping extended festive greetings to all Chinese people when he held virtual talks in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing with the general public from across the country ahead of the Spring Festival.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, spoke with medical workers at a hospital, senior citizens in a welfare home, workers on an outlying oilfield, travelers and staff members at a high-speed railway station, vendors and customers at a wholesale market, and people in an ethnic minority village via video link.

Xi wished Chinese people of all ethnic groups healthy and happy lives in the Year of the Rabbit and expressed his hope that the country will enjoy prosperity

and the people live in a safe and peaceful nation.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/31P0VqN>

3. Xi stresses efforts to accelerate establishment of new pattern of development

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, has stressed the efforts to accelerate the establishment of a new pattern of development and enhance the security and initiative of development.

Xi made the remarks when attending the second group study session of the Political Bureau of the 20th CPC Central Committee on January 31.

He said that accelerating the establishment of a new pattern of development is a strategic decision to realize the Second Centenary Goal and ensure both development and security, as well as a strategic plan to seize the initiative of future development.

Only by accelerating the establishment of a new pattern of development can China consolidate foundation for its economy and enhance the security and stability of its development, Xi said.

And only by doing so can China enhance its strength to survive, compete, develop and sustain amid all sorts of predictable and unpredictable storms and high winds so as to ensure that the process of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation will not be delayed or interrupted, and the goal of building China into a great modern socialist country will be realized, he added.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/418LHwJ>

4. China's foreign trade up 7.7 pct in 2022 to new high

China's annual foreign trade value topped 40 trillion yuan (about 5.94 trillion U.S. dollars) for the first time in 2022, as the country works to better coordinate epidemic response with economic and social development amid complex and severe domestic and international situations, official data showed on January 13.



Total goods trade reached a record 42.07 trillion yuan, up 7.7 percent year on year, topping the world for six consecutive years, according to the General Administration of Customs (GAC).

Exports rose 10.5 percent to 23.97 trillion yuan, and imports went up 4.3 percent to 18.1 trillion yuan.

China's foreign trade delivered breakthroughs in scale, quality and efficiency last year, which is a hard-won feat considering headwinds in demand, supply and expectations, GAC spokesperson Lyu Daliang said.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3KgVECv>

5. China's GDP expands 3% in 2022 despite various pressures

China's gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 3 percent year on year to 121.02 trillion yuan (\$17.93 trillion) in 2022 despite being mired in various growth pressures, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed on January 17.

The annual growth rate beat a median economist forecast of 2.8 percent as polled by Reuters. The country's fourth-quarter GDP growth of 2.9 percent also

surpassed expectations for a 1.8-percent increase.

In 2022, the Chinese economy encountered more difficulties and challenges than was expected amid a complex domestic and international situation. However, the NBS said economic growth stabilized after various measures were taken to shore up growth.



Industrial output rose 3.6 percent in 2022 over the previous year, while retail sales slightly shrank by 0.2 percent. Fixed-asset investment increased 5.1 percent over 2021, with a 9.1-percent hike in manufacturing investment but a 10-percent fall in property investment.

China created 12.06 million new jobs in urban regions throughout the year, surpassing its annual target of 11 million, and officials have stressed the importance of continuing an employment-first policy in 2023.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3IDiV0h>

6. China issues white paper on green development in new era

On January 19, China's State Council Information Office released a white paper titled "China's Green Development in the New Era."

The 18,000-character white paper mainly focuses on seven aspects of China's

green development, including the country's commitment to green growth, a green territorial configuration, adjustment and improvement of the industrial structure, application of green production methods, eco-friendly living, institutions and mechanisms for green development and efforts to build the earth into a beautiful home.

It systematically summarizes China's actions and achievements in green development over the past decade, and expounds the country's ideas and experience of green development, Zhao Chenxin, deputy director of the National Development and Reform Commission, told a press conference on the release of the white paper.



Read more: <https://bit.ly/3IB9XAv>

Full text of the white paper: <https://bit.ly/412J0Nv>

II. China's Diplomacy

7. China calls for avoiding politicization of COVID-19 pandemic:

spokesperson



On January 4, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said China hopes that the focus will be on tackling the virus rather than politicizing the COVID-19 issue, and countries can step up solidarity and make joint efforts to defeat the pandemic at an early date.

Mao made the remarks at a regular press briefing in response to U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price's remarks on China over COVID-19 information sharing.

Mao said China has always put the people and their lives above all else since the COVID-19 epidemic began, made the best effort to protect people's life and health, and effectively coordinated COVID-19 response with economic and social development.

Noting that China has been sharing information and data with the international community in a responsible manner, Mao said according to incomplete statistics, China has carried out over 60 technical exchanges with the World Health Organization over the past three years.

China continues to share the genome data of the virus via the Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID). Health experts from many countries

have said that entry restrictions targeting China are unnecessary, Mao added.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3YUXInW>

8. Chinese FM expounds on developing China-Africa relations



Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang said on January 11 that China stands ready to work with Africa to deepen Sino-African friendly relations and upgrade their cooperation in the new era.

Qin, who addressed the press jointly with Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, said this year marks the 10th anniversary since Chinese President Xi Jinping put forward the principles of China's Africa policy - sincerity, real results, amity and good faith, and pursuing the greater good and shared interests during his first visit to Africa in 2013.

Over the past decade, thanks to the joint guidance and efforts of Chinese and African leaders, China-Africa relations have made historic achievements that have attracted worldwide attention and entered a new era of forging a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future, Qin said.

Qin put forward four proposals on the development of China-Africa relations.

First, he emphasized the need to speed up physical exchanges and sharing of visions between China and Africa.

Second, Qin called for the deepening of friendly relations between China and the AU, adding that as China's modernization drive provides new opportunities for Africa, it will continue to support the African Union in leading African countries on a development path suited to their national conditions.

Third, Qin said, greater efforts should be made to upgrade China-Africa cooperation, accelerating the implementation of the outcomes of the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the FOCAC, continuing to expand trade with Africa, promoting high-quality development of China-Africa financing and investment cooperation, and broadening new drivers of growth in health, green development and digital economy to provide more support for Africa's economic and social development.

Fourth, Qin noted the need to firmly safeguard solidarity and cooperation among developing countries.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3XGQenh>

9. Qin Gang holds the 8th China-AU Strategic Dialogue with AUC Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat

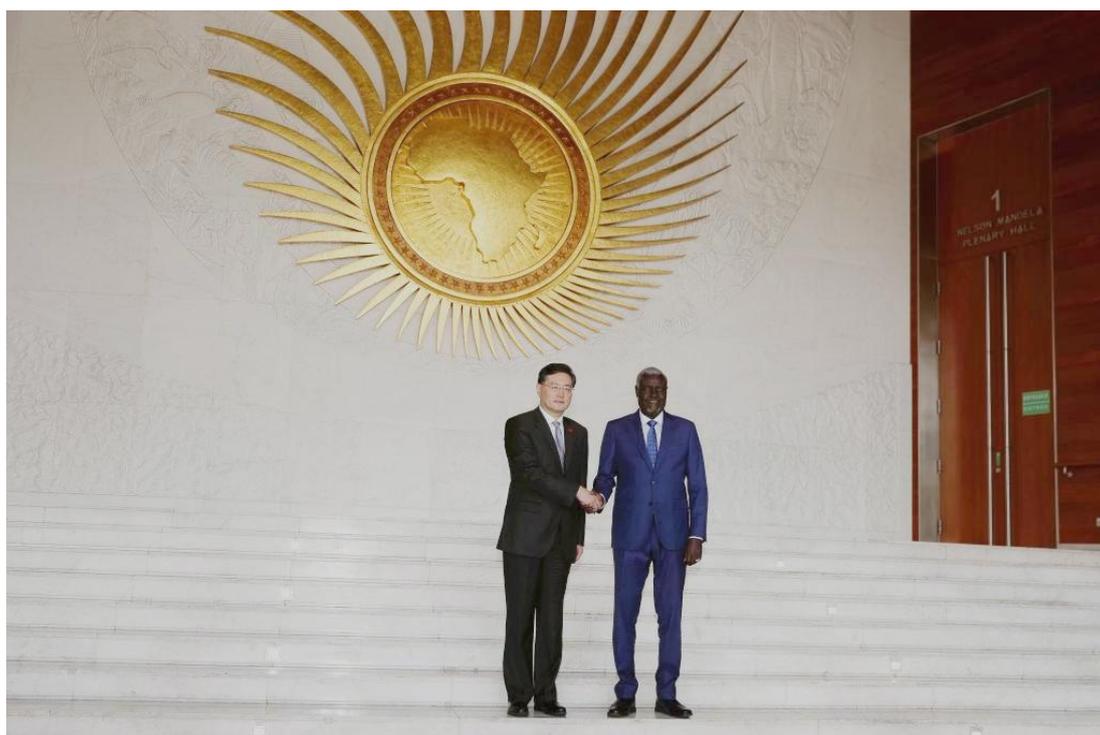
On January 11, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang held the 8th China-AU Strategic Dialogue with Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) Moussa Faki Mahamat at the headquarters of the African Union (AU).

Qin Gang said, the AU is a pacesetter for strength through unity among African countries and for solidarity and cooperation among developing countries. In recent years, African integration has gained strong momentum and Africa's collective influence on international affairs has been growing. China extends congratulations on this. Qin Gang expressed his belief that the AU will surely lead African countries towards making greater achievements in their journey of development and revitalization.

Qin Gang said, China has always prioritized Africa in its diplomacy, and

inheriting and carrying forward the China-Africa friendship has become a glorious tradition and defining feature of China's diplomacy. At present, China and the AU have maintained a sound momentum of cooperation, constantly enhanced political mutual trust and supported each other on issues concerning respective core interests and major concerns.

Qin Gang said, China will continue to be a development partner for common growth with Africa and work together to build a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era. China has taken the lead in supporting the AU's admission to the G20, and supporting African countries' greater representation and voice at the UN Security Council and other international organizations to safeguard the common interests of developing countries. China will work with Africa to promote the common values of humanity and uphold true multilateralism.



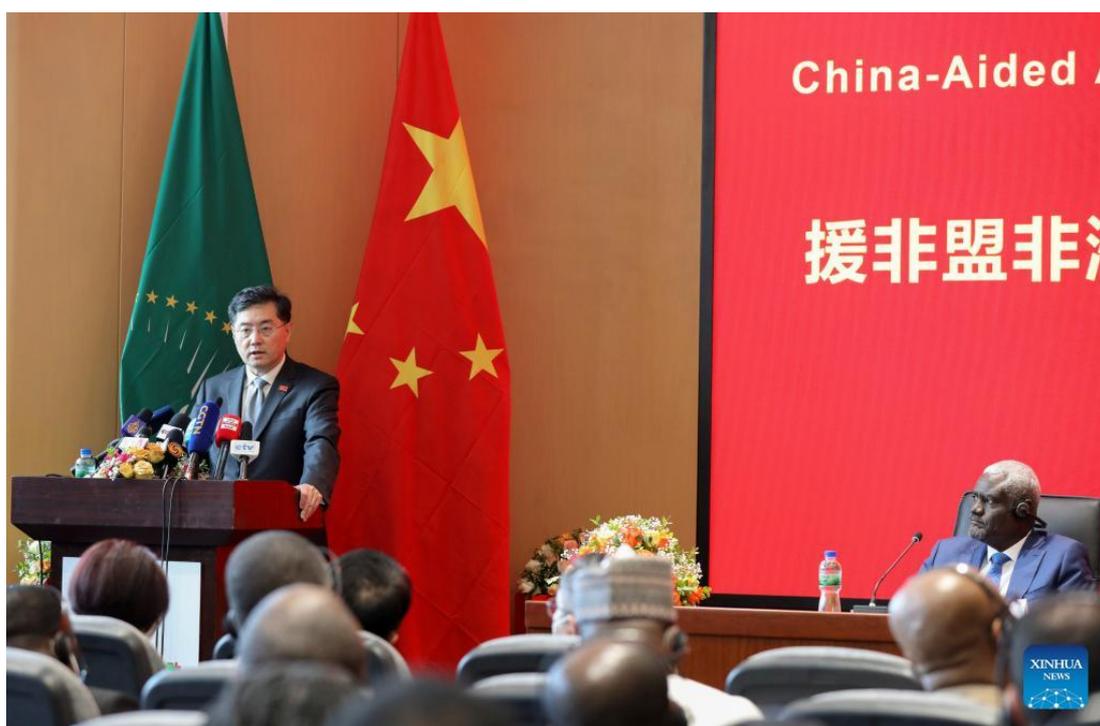
Faki said, China has stood with Africa in its struggle for national independence and liberation and its efforts to accelerate development and revitalization and participate more in international affairs. He said, Africa values China's strong support for African integration, connectivity and the development

of free trade area, and looks forward to working with China to jointly advance the building of a China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era.

Full of confidence in the prospects of China-Africa relations, the two sides stressed that they will step up high-level exchanges, align their development strategies more closely and focus on practical cooperation. Qin Gang said that China will continue to play a constructive role in safeguarding peace and security in Africa.

Following the talks, the two sides signed cooperation documents, including the economic and technical agreement on the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), and jointly attended the inauguration ceremony of the Africa CDC Headquarters.

10. Chinese FM says so-called “debt trap” in Africa is narrative trap



Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang on January 11 refuted the groundless allegation that China is creating a “debt trap” in Africa, saying the so-called “debt trap” is a narrative trap imposed on China and Africa.

Qin made the remarks in a joint press conference with the Chairperson of the

African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat.

African countries have in recent years been actively working to promote economic and social development, but lack of funds has become a major bottleneck to Africa's prosperity and revitalization, said Qin, stressing that how to balance development financing with debt growth is an issue that all countries must face head-on in the course of pursuing development.

As good brothers sharing weal and woe, China and Africa have forged ahead side by side on the path of common development, said Qin.

Noting that China has always been committed to helping Africa ease its debt burden, Qin said his country is an active participant in the Group of 20 (G20) Debt Service Suspension Initiative. He also said that China has signed agreements or reached consensus with 19 African countries on debt relief and has suspended the most debt service payments among G20 members.

China has also been actively engaged in the case-by-case debt treatment for Chad, Ethiopia and Zambia under the G20 Common Framework, he added.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3lDIRzC>

11. China, African Union inaugurate the China-aided Africa CDC HQ building

The China-aided African Center for Disease Control (CDC) Headquarters Building Project (Phase I), a milestone project in China-Africa public health cooperation that manifests a blossoming China-Africa relationship, was officially inaugurated on January 11 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Qin Gang, Chinese Foreign Minister who is on his 5-African-country visit, Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat and Hu Changchun, Head of Mission of China to the African Union attended the completion ceremony.

“The Africa CDC headquarters is a flagship project of China-Africa cooperation announced by President Xi Jinping at the FOCAC Beijing Summit in 2018. Like the AU Conference Center, it is yet another landmark of China-Africa

cooperation.” Qin said.

He further reiterated that strengthening solidarity and cooperation with African countries will always be a diplomatic priority for China, and that no matter how the international environment changes, China and Africa will always be a community with a shared future.



Read more: <https://bit.ly/3En9mA2>

12. Chinese envoy urges creating conditions for dialogue between Russia, Ukraine

China’s envoy to the United Nations on January 13 called on the international community to create conditions for dialogue and negotiations between Russia and Ukraine, and to redouble efforts to open up new prospects for peace in the new year.

The current situation in Ukraine is a result of the deep-seated security imbalance in Europe, Zhang Jun, China’s permanent representative to the UN, told a Security Council briefing on Ukraine, noting that only when parties concerned

overcome differences and sit down at the negotiation table, can a fundamental solution be found to end the conflict and rebuild the European security architecture.



Read more: <https://bit.ly/3KkgyR2>

13. Vice premier reaffirms China's commitment to growth, int'l cooperation

China will always take economic development as the primary and central task, and high-quality economic development must always be China's goal, Chinese Vice Premier Liu He said in Davos, Switzerland on January 17.

He reaffirmed China's commitment to all-round opening-up, international cooperation with other countries for world economic stability and development, and economic re-globalization, in his speech delivered at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2023.

The Chinese economy will see a significant improvement this year, and its growth will most likely return to its normal trend, Liu said.

Over the past 10 years, China's gross domestic product grew from 54 trillion to 121 trillion yuan; average life expectancy rose from 74.8 to 78.2 years; and contribution to global growth reached around 36 percent, Liu said, underlining that

there are five things that China always bears in mind in making such achievements.



First, China must always take economic development as the primary and central task.

Second, China must always make establishing a socialist market economy the direction of its reform.

Third, China must always promote all-round opening-up.

Fourth, China must always uphold the rule of law.

Fifth, China must pursue innovation-driven development.

The above five points are the important experience China has learned and gained since it started its reform and opening-up, Liu said, pledging that his country will stick to them and never waver in its commitment.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3IBzauD>

14. Chinese vice premier holds talks with U.S. treasury secretary in Switzerland

Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, also chief of the Chinese side of the China-U.S.

comprehensive economic dialogue, held talks with U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in Zurich, Switzerland on January 18.



Focusing on the implementation of the important consensus reached by the two heads of state during their meeting in Bali, the two senior officials had professional, in-depth, candid and practical exchanges on the macroeconomic and financial situation of the two countries and the whole world as well as on addressing common global challenges. The talks were constructive.

The two sides agreed that the world's economic recovery is at a critical stage and it is in the interest of both countries as well as the whole world for China and the United States to strengthen macro-policy communication and coordination and jointly address challenges in the economic and financial fields.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/412eKIP>

III. China-Tanzania Relations and Embassy Updates

15. Chargé d'affaires a.i. and Minister Counsellor Suo Peng visits Chinese shop owners at Kariakoo Market ahead of Spring Festival



Chargé d'affaires a.i. and Minister Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania Mr. Suo Peng on January 5th visited the Kariakoo Market in Dar es Salaam and presented the “Spring Festival” gift bags to the Chinese shop owners there. Mr. Suo Peng extended festive greetings to the Chinese businessmen in the Kariakoo Market and asked them to continue operating in accordance with laws and regulations. Relevant staff members of the Embassy and leaders of the Kariakoo Chinese Chamber of Commerce accompanied Mr. Suo Peng during the visit.

16. Chargé d’Affaires a.i. and Minister Counsellor Suo Peng contributes an article to Daily News and The Citizen

Chargé d’Affaires a.i. and Minister Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania Mr. Suo Peng on January 9th contributed an article to Daily News and The Citizen, two major English newspapers in Tanzania. Titled “China’s COVID-19 Policy Readjustment Boosts Confidence for Global Development”, the article introduced China’s major achievements in combating COVID-19 in the past three years, and expounded on the scientific nature and necessity of China’s

optimization and readjustment of its COVID-19 response. It stressed that China's move in this regard will further boost the recovery and growth of the world economy.

China's Covid-19 policy readjustment boosts confidence for global development

By SUO PENG
RECENTLY, the Chinese government has readjusted its COVID-19 policy. From January 8, 2023, China has started to manage COVID-19 with measures against Class-B instead of the more serious Class-A infectious diseases, and implement new rules on cross-border travel. According to the new rules, inbound travelers are no longer required to do nucleic acid tests upon arrival in China, and those who are tested positive after entering China shall not be subject to centralized quarantines. Many Tanzanian friends are wondering why China chose to readjust its COVID-19 policy at this moment? How is the COVID-19 situation like in China? What impacts will this policy adjustment have on Tanzania and other countries? I would like to share with you my thoughts on these questions. Over the past three years since COVID-19 broke out in 2019, the Chinese government has put the people and their lives above all else and has withstood five global COVID-19 waves. We have avoided a large-scale spread of the initial virus strain and the Delta variant of COVID-19 which are more pathogenic, thus minimizing

the number of severe cases and mortality, and winning precious time for the research, development and application of vaccines and therapeutics as well as getting medical supplies ready. China has created a miracle in the history of mankind fighting diseases. Compared with developed countries such as the US and the UK, China still lags behind in per capita availability of medical resources and development of medical technologies, but globally speaking, China's COVID-19 infection rate and mortality rate are at the lowest level. Over the past three years, the total number of infected cases in China's mainland has been less than 400,000, and the mortality caused by COVID-19 is around 5,235. When the global Human Development Index keeps dropping for two consecutive years, the ranking of China's Human Development Index has advanced by six. It is because we put people and their lives above all else that China's average life expectancy has increased from 77.3 years in 2019 to 78.2 years in 2021. Practice has fully proven that China's COVID-19 policies have protected the safety and health of the people to the maximum extent possible, and

minimized the impact of the pandemic on economic and social development to the greatest extent, and that they are correct, science-based and effective. China's COVID-19 policies have been largely welcomed by its people and can stand the test of history. While strictly enforcing effective COVID-19 policies, China keeps making policy readjustment based on its knowledge of the virus, immunity level of its people, and ability of its health system in coping with the pandemic, and by drawing the experience of other countries in COVID-19 response. Currently, Omicron has become a global dominant virus strain. Despite the large number of infections, there has been a marked decline of pathogenicity in Omicron. At the same time, a large number of clinical studies have shown that COVID-19 vaccines manufactured in China can well guard against severe cases and death caused by Omicron. The full vaccination coverage in China has exceeded 90%, and the full-course vaccination coverage of those over 60 years old has exceeded 85%. The health awareness of Chinese citizens has also improved significantly. Based on a comprehensive



MR Suo Peng

assessment of the COVID-19 situation, China made readjustment of its COVID-19 policies, which is in line with the trend of global pandemic policies and the appeal of the Chinese people. It should be noted that our policy readjustment is by no means a "bring that" approach. Instead, it represents a shift of focus from preventing infections to preventing severe cases. The purpose of this shift is

to protect the safety and health of the people to the maximum, while at the same time minimizing the impact of COVID-19 response on China's economic and social development. This policy readjustment is science-based, timely and necessary. The "gear shift" in China's COVID-19 response will inevitably lead to a period of adaptation. All countries have gone through a similar process in their COVID policy readjustments. China has made full preparations in guaranteeing medical supplies, increasing medical resources, establishing a category-based treatment system, and protecting priority groups. We have the confidence and ability to go through the gear-shifting period with the minimum cost and facilitate returning to normalcy of our economic and social activities. At present, China's COVID-19 situation is under control. Major cities like Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou have gone through the peak of infections. There is no such phenomena as overwhelming strain on medical resources, large numbers of death resulted from severe cases, freeze of human mobility, and commercial depression. All of them are fabrications by

some Western media. Various localities in China are accelerating their paces of resuming economic activities and returning to normal life, and social vitality is being recovered. It is expected that China will soon return to the state prior to the pandemic. China has not only protected the lives and health of its own citizens, but made great contributions to the global fight against COVID-19. China is the first country which committed itself to making its COVID-19 vaccines an international public good. To date, China has provided over 2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines to other countries. China has also made cash donations to the World Health Organization (WHO). China-Tanzania anti-COVID cooperation can be called a good example of China's international cooperation in fighting the pandemic. Over the past three years, China and Tanzania have stood together through difficult periods. China has provided 5.61 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines and a large quantity of anti-pandemic medical supplies to Tanzania. At present, 22 Chinese doctors are working closely with their Tanzanian colleagues in various hospitals in this country to safeguard people's health and

lives, during which profound friendships have been forged. Apart from readjusting its COVID-19 policies, China has also refined its policy on cross-border travel, which has been warmly welcomed by various countries including Tanzania. Relevant measures are helpful to resume people-to-people and business exchanges, to boost confidence of investors, and to promote world economic recovery. They have created fresh favorable conditions for global economic development. Many international institutions have raised their forecast of China's economic growth in 2023, predicting a growth rate of over 5%, much higher than the growth rate of the world and of other major economies. China is currently thoroughly implementing the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and fully advancing rejuvenation of the Chinese nation through Chinese modernization. China adopts a win-win opening up strategy, and will provide new opportunities to the world through its new development.

Under the leadership of President Sinisi Sultani Hassan, the Tanzanian government is fully implementing CCM's Election Manifesto 2020-2025 to promote post-COVID economic recovery, so as to build a prosperous Tanzania. With readjustment of China's COVID-19 policies, the personal exchanges, trade and economic cooperation between China and Tanzania are resuming in a comprehensive manner. Air Tanzania's direct flights between Dar es Salaam and Guangzhou have been operating smoothly since resumption in July 2022. The number of the said direct flights will soon increase from once a week to twice a week. As one of the most popular tourist destinations, Tanzania will see more Chinese tourists. China's huge middle-income group and strong consumption capacity will offer unlimited business opportunities for Tanzania in exporting its featured products. Tanzania will receive more Chinese investors as well. I am confident that China's COVID-19 policy readjustment will give new impetus and create more opportunities for Tanzania's development and China-Tanzania cooperation. * The writer is Charge d'Affaires ad Interim of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania.

Full text of the article: <https://bit.ly/3Khrpcb>

17. China and Tanzania sign the minutes of the feasibility study meeting for the upgrading and expansion project of China-aided Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute

Representatives of the Chinese and Tanzanian governments on January 18 signed the minutes of the feasibility study meeting for the upgrading and expansion project of China-aided Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) in Dar es Salaam.

Mr. Chu Kun, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, and Prof. Tumaini Nagu, Chief Medical Officer of the Tanzanian Ministry of Health, on behalf of the two governments, signed the documents.

Counselor Chu Kun said in his speech that the JKCI was built with the aid of the Chinese government, and it was handed over to the Tanzanian side in 2012 and put into use. The establishment of the institute has greatly improved the level of diagnosis and treatment in the field of heart diseases in Tanzania, and changed the

history of local heart disease patients having to be referred to foreign countries for treatment. It is also a top-level heart diseases hospital in East Africa.

The upgrade and expansion project will include a new 100-bed building and continue to help Tanzania become the “leader” in the field of heart disease research in East Africa, Chu Kun added.

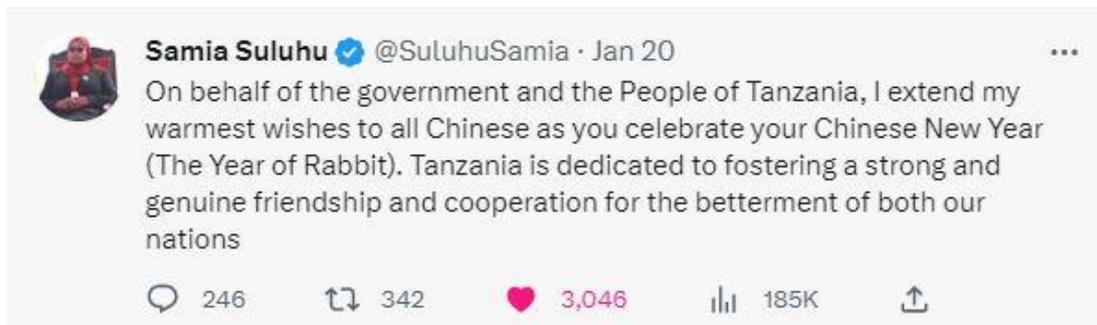


Prof. Tumaini Nagu said that the aim of the new centre is to make the JKCI a centre of excellence for cardiovascular diseases in East and Central Africa. On behalf of the Tanzanian Government, Prof. Nagu thanked China for the valuable support provided and its commitment to strengthening the existing good relationship between Tanzania and China for the benefits of the two peoples.

JKCI is among 25 institutions in the world offering specialized heart diseases treatment with the specialists who are capable of helping people and giving them all recommended medicine, Prof. Nagu added.

Executive Director of the JKCI Dr. Peter Kisenge, Executive Director of Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Prof. Mohammed Janabi, representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Planning of Tanzania, local administrative officials of Dar es Salaam, and some doctors at the JKCI attended the signing ceremony.

18. President Samia extends Lunar New Year wishes to Chinese people



Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan on January 20th extended her best wishes to the Government and people of the People’s Republic of China on the the Chinese Lunar New Year.

“On behalf of the government and the People of Tanzania, I extend my warmest wishes to all Chinese as you celebrate your Chinese New Year (The Year of Rabbit). Tanzania is dedicated to fostering a strong and genuine friendship and cooperation for the betterment of both our nations,” President Samia tweeted.

19. Chinese Embassy in Tanzania co-organizes the 2023 Happy Spring Festival Online Folk Concert with China Cultural Centre in Tanzania and Tianjin Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism

To celebrate the 2023 Spring Festival, or Chinese Lunar New Year, the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania co-organized the 2023 Happy Spring Festival Online Folk Concert together with the China Cultural Centre in Tanzania and Tianjin Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism. The online folk concert was broadcast via the Facebook handle of the China Cultural Centre in Tanzania on January 21st.

Watch the concert: <https://fb.watch/iTfgQdcSB-/>

20. Tanzania’s Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports extends Lunar New Year wishes to Chinese government and people via video



The then Tanzania’s Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports Hon. Mohamed Omary Mchengerwa extended his best wishes to the Chinese government and people on the Chinese Lunar New Year via video in mid-January. He said that “on behalf of the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports of the United Republic of Tanzania, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Government and people of China for this day (Chinese Lunar New Year) and wish a bright future for cooperation amongst our people and between our two countries”.

21. China-Tanzania trade volume reaches record high of \$8.31 billion in 2022

China-Tanzania trade volume, standing the test of the pandemic and maintaining sustained growth, reached a record high of \$8.31 billion in 2022, up 23.7 percent year on year. China has been Tanzania’s largest trading partner for seven consecutive years since 2016.

Following Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan’s state visit to China in November 2022, avocado and wild aquatic products from Tanzania have gained access to the Chinese market, which is expected to further boost the bilateral trade.

22. A Tanzanian song is performed at the 2023 CCTV Spring Festival

Gala



On January 21st, the Chinese Lunar New Year Eve, a Tanzanian song called “Malaika” was jointly performed by Tanzanian and Chinese musicians at the 2023 China Central Television (CCTV) Spring Festival Gala, the world’s most watched TV program.

The Tanzanian musician who sang the song was Ms. Corona Kila, and the song was performed together with 9 other foreign songs in a song mix called “Belt of Flowers, Road of Songs”, as a commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

According to the Gala’s broadcaster China Media Group (CMG), the 2023 Spring Festival Gala has set a new viewership record with more than 16.216 billion people reached home and abroad.