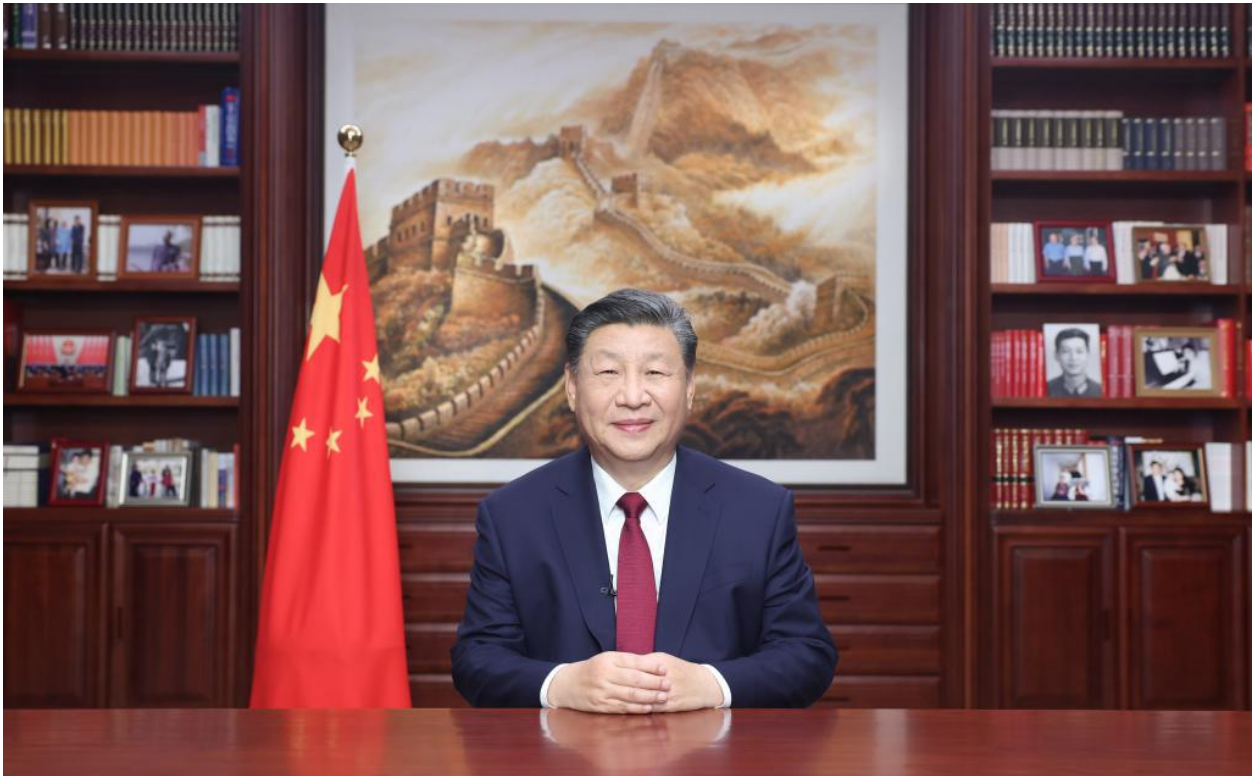


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Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a New Year message via China Media Group and the Internet Sunday evening in Beijing to ring in 2024. (Photo/Xinhua)

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I. Focus on China

1. Xi urges all-out search, rescue, relief efforts after 6.2-magnitude earthquake



President Xi Jinping has urged all-out search and rescue efforts and proper arrangements for affected people to ensure the safety of people’s lives and property after a 6.2-magnitude earthquake jolted Jishishan County in northwest China’s Gansu Province at midnight, Dec. 18, 2023.

By Dec. 19, the earthquake has caused 100 deaths in Gansu Province and 11 deaths in Qinghai Province, and damaged some infrastructure such as water,

electricity, transportation and communications.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, asked local authorities to rescue and treat the injured people in a timely manner to minimize casualties, and closely monitor the earthquake situation and weather changes to prevent secondary disasters.

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

2. China holds Central Economic Work Conference to plan for 2024



The annual Central Economic Work Conference was held in Beijing from Dec. 11 to 12 as Chinese leaders decided priorities for the economic work in 2024.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, Chinese president and chairman of the Central Military Commission, delivered an important speech at the conference.

In his speech, Xi reviewed the country's economic work in 2023, analyzed the current economic situation and arranged next year's economic work.

It was noted at the meeting that China's economy has achieved a recovery,

with solid progress made in high-quality development in 2023.

To further revive the economy, China still has to overcome some difficulties and challenges, including lack of effective demand, overcapacity in some sectors, lackluster social expectations, certain risks and hidden problems, bottlenecks in the domestic circulation, as well as rising complexity, severity and uncertainty of the external environment, the meeting said.

It is important to be more mindful of potential dangers and to effectively respond to and solve these problems, said the meeting.

Overall, favorable conditions outweigh unfavorable factors in China's development, and the fundamental trend of the economic recovery and long-term positive outlook has not changed, the meeting said, urging stronger confidence.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/jqCJ0>

3. China holds central rural work conference



The annual central rural work conference was held in Beijing from Dec. 19 to 20, mapping out the priorities of rural work in 2024. President Xi Jinping made important instructions on work related to agriculture, rural areas and farmers.

In 2023, China overcame comparatively severe natural disasters and other adverse conditions, secured a new record in grain output, ensured a relatively rapid increase in farmers' income, and maintained harmony and stability in rural areas, Xi said.

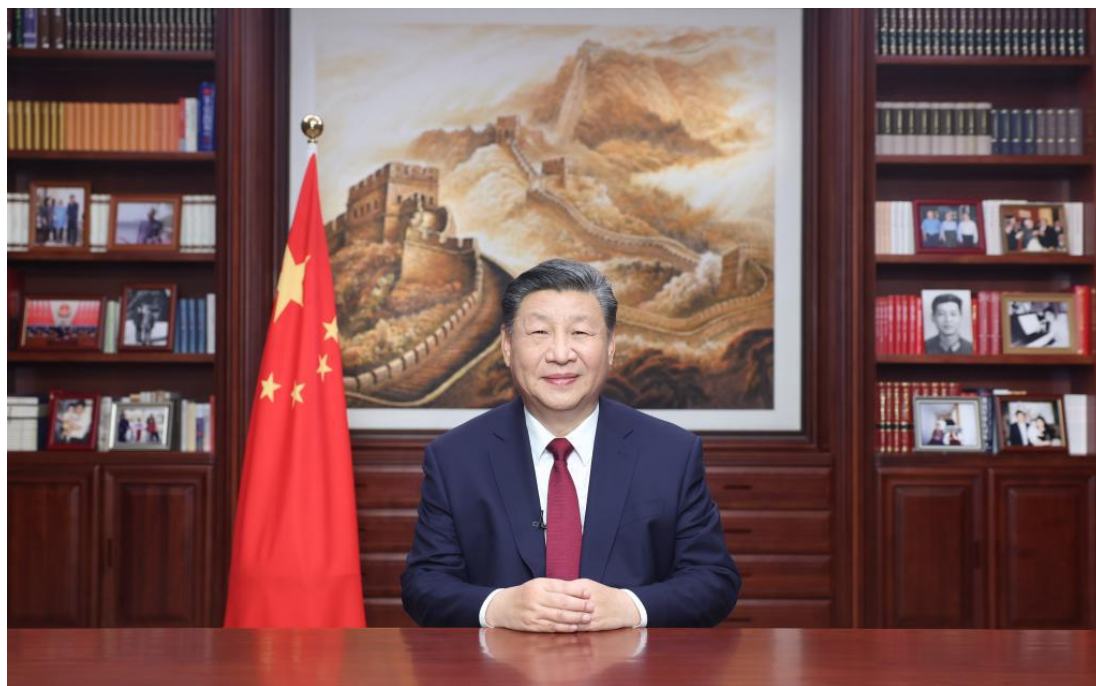
To advance Chinese modernization, the country must make unremitting efforts to strengthen the foundation of the agricultural sector and advance rural revitalization across the board, he said.

With the experience of the Green Rural Revival Program, efforts must be made to implement specific policies based on actual conditions, take steady and incremental steps to sustain progress, and achieve tangible results in the interest of the people, he said.

Xi stressed that food security must be safeguarded by stabilizing the land acreage for grain production and increasing the yields per unit. Work should be done to establish a diversified food supply system, and the quality of arable land should be improved.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/ciTU0>

4. Ringing in 2024, Xi stresses advancing Chinese modernization, making world better place for all



On Dec. 31, 2023, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged efforts to steadfastly advance Chinese modernization, deliver a better life for the people, and strive to make the world a better place for all in the upcoming 2024.

Delivering his New Year message in his office in central Beijing, Xi summarized 2023 as a year when the country has marched forward with solid and

robust steps, in high spirits and with great confidence.

“In 2023, we have continued to forge ahead with resolve and tenacity. We have gone through the test of winds and rains, have seen beautiful scenes unfolding on the way, and have made plenty real achievements. We will remember this year as one of hard work and perseverance. Going forward, we have full confidence in the future,” he said in the nationally televised and livestreamed speech.

Xi said that in the past year, some enterprises had a tough time, some people had difficulty finding jobs and meeting basic needs, and some places were hit by floods, typhoons, earthquakes or other natural disasters.

“When I see people rising to the occasion, reaching out to each other in adversity, meeting challenges head-on and overcoming difficulties, I am deeply moved,” he said.

The president lauded extraordinary contribution made by each and every ordinary Chinese and praised the people as the ones the country looks to when it fights to prevail over all difficulties or challenges.

“Our goal is both inspiring and simple. Ultimately, it is about delivering a better life for the people,” he said.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/cxHZ1>

Full text of President Xi’s New Year message: <https://shorturl.at/prDPV>

5. Conference highlights human rights advancement in Xinjiang

Chinese officials and experts praised the social stability and rapid development in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region for securing considerable improvement in its human rights.

Speaking at an idea- and story-sharing conference on Dec. 20 on promoting the high-quality development of the human rights cause in Xinjiang within the Chinese modernization drive, they said the region has seen a booming economy, society, and culture in recent years and that people of different ethnic groups are enjoying a happy life in general.

Erkin Tuniyaz, chairman of the regional government, said advances in Xinjiang’s human rights suit the local reality, meet the expectations of its various ethnic groups, and are aligned with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The official said people in Xinjiang know best whether the region’s human

rights cause is on the right track.

“The human rights cause in Xinjiang has made all-round advances and historic achievements,” he said in a speech highlighting the comprehensive protection of the social, cultural, religious, and political rights of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang, as well as their right to live and develop.



Xinjiang’s economy expanded 6.1 percent year on year in the first three quarters of 2023, and its per capita disposable income saw a yearly growth of 6.4 percent. Erkin Tuniyaz said the growth of the region’s many economic indicators is among the fastest in China.

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

II. China’s Diplomacy

(I) Central Conference on Work Related to Foreign Affairs

6. Central conference on work relating to foreign affairs held in Beijing

The Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs was held in Beijing from Dec. 27 to 28. Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee

of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Chinese president and chairman of the Central Military Commission, attended the conference and delivered an important address.



In his important address, Xi presented a systematic review of the historic achievements and valuable experience of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era, gave a profound exposition on the international environment and historical mission of China's external work on the new journey, and made comprehensive plans for China's external work for the present and coming periods. Presiding over the conference, Li Qiang, Premier of the State Council, emphasized the importance of ensuring sound external work on the new journey under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy, and set out requirements for studying and implementing the guiding principles of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important address.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/cBMT4>

7. Xi meets Chinese diplomatic envoys to foreign countries

On Dec. 29, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Chinese diplomatic envoys who are in Beijing to attend this year's work conference for overseas envoys.

Xi urged the envoys to correctly understand the international environment and historical mission of China's diplomatic work in the new era and new journey,

hold high the banner of building a community with a shared future for humanity, and constantly open up new prospects for major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics.



Read more: <https://shorturl.at/fOWX3>

8. Chinese diplomacy to continue promoting common path to modernization for all people in 2024

Chinese diplomacy will adhere to the principle of confidence and self-reliance, openness and inclusiveness, fairness and justice and win-win cooperation to promote the common path to modernization for the people of all countries, top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi said at a seminar on Jan. 9, 2024, as he reviewed the accomplishments China made in diplomacy in the previous year and reaffirmed the mission for 2024 that was set by the Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs.

Analysts believe that with the comprehensive plans outlined at the Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs, which was held in Beijing from Dec. 27 to 28, 2023, China will continue to collaborate with the international community in addressing the increasing uncertainties and fulfill its role as a stabilizing and global engine.

Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China

(CPC) Central Committee and Chinese foreign minister, delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the 2023 International Situation and China's Diplomacy Seminar held in Beijing on Tuesday.



Read more: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202401/1305075.shtml>

9. Building community with shared future promotes human progress

Since it was first proposed in 2013, the idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind has developed from a single thought into a scientific system that has been put into practice via broad international cooperation, becoming a groundbreaking initiative leading trends of the times and promoting human progress.

Aiming to develop an open, inclusive, clean, and beautiful world of lasting peace, universal security, and shared prosperity, building a community with a shared future for mankind is the noble goal pursued by China in conducting major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics for the new era, as stated at the Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs which concluded Thursday.

Building a community with a shared future is not about replacing one system or civilization with another. Instead, it is about building a world where countries with different social systems, ideologies, histories, cultures, and levels of

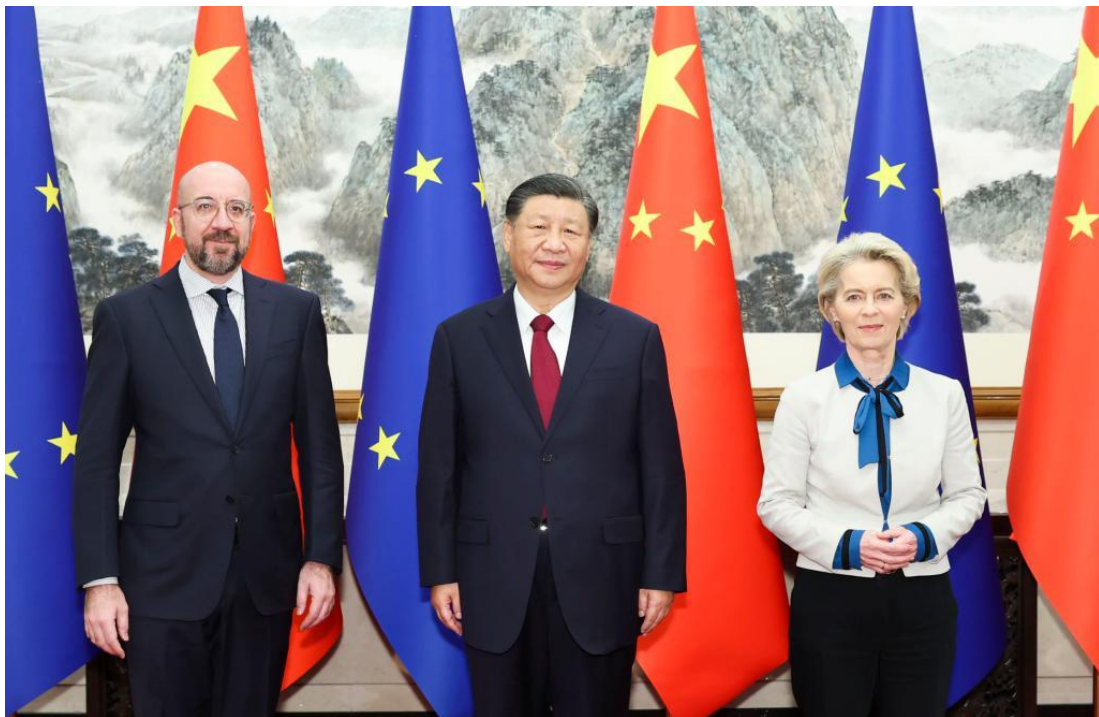
development share interests, rights, and responsibilities in global affairs, creating greater synergy for building a better world.

Such ideas point out the direction needed for human society to realize common development, lasting peace and security, and mutual learning between civilizations. These ideas have been warmly echoed by the international community. The vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind has been written into resolutions of the UN General Assembly for seven years in succession, and also included in resolutions or declarations of multilateral mechanisms like the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and BRICS.

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

(II) Other News

10. Xi urges enhanced China-EU political mutual trust, dialogue, cooperation



On Dec. 7, 2023, Chinese President Xi Jinping called on China and the European Union (EU) to be partners for mutually beneficial cooperation, strengthen two-way political trust, build strategic consensus, cement the bonds of shared interest, steer clear of various kinds of interference, and step up dialogue and cooperation for the good of their people.

Amid the increasingly turbulent international situation, the China-EU relationship has strategic significance and implications for global peace, stability and prosperity, said Xi when meeting with President of the European Council Charles Michel and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, who are in China for the 24th China-EU Summit at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing.

“It is incumbent on both sides to provide greater stability for the world and stronger impetus for development,” Xi added.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/wHKX8>

11. Xi meets representatives to event marking 60th anniversary of China dispatching int’l medical aid teams



On Dec. 29, 2023, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with representatives to an event marking 60th anniversary of China dispatching its first international medical aid team.

Xi congratulated them and extended regards to all those who are or were on foreign medical aid missions.

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, was present at the meeting.

Liu Guozhong, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice premier, delivered a speech. He said that the CPC Central Committee attaches great importance to international medical aid, and General Secretary Xi fully affirmed the achievements that have been made in this regard.

Six decades on, medical workers on foreign medical aid missions have benefited local people with their proficient medical skills and lofty medical ethics, presenting a better China through their practical actions and winning high praise from the governments of recipient countries and their people, Liu said.

Liu encouraged them to open up new fronts in international medical aid, and make even greater contributions toward building a global community of health for all.

A total of 30 outstanding international medical aid groups and 60 outstanding individuals were commended at the meeting, including the 26th Chinese medical team dispatched to Tanzania and Dr. Qu Lishuai, team leader of the 31th Chinese medical team sent to Zanzibar.

12. World media leaders gather to address common challenges, boost confidence



World media leaders gathered in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou on Sunday to build consensus in addressing common challenges and boosting global confidence.

The 5th World Media Summit (WMS) released a joint statement during an opening ceremony and plenary session at its main venue in the Nansha District of Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province.

The statement noted that the world is undergoing accelerated changes unseen in a century, and that uncertainties and unforeseen factors are on the rise. It called on global media to build a bridge of communication to answer the questions posed by the world, by the times and by history.

The summit attracted more than 450 representatives of nearly 200 institutions from over 100 countries and regions, including media outlets, think tanks and international organizations.

Focusing on the summit's theme of "Boosting Global Confidence, Promoting Media Development," attendees took part in extensive discussions to contribute media power to the construction of a brighter future.

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

13. China to further optimize visa policy to facilitate cross-border travel: spokesperson



China's visa-free policy for travelers from six countries has yielded positive results, and the foreign ministry will continue to optimize its visa policy to provide more convenience for cross-border travel, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Dec. 5.

Spokesperson Wang Wenbin made the comment when asked to give an update on China's new unilateral visa-free policy opened on Dec. 1 to ordinary passport holders from six countries, namely France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Malaysia.

According to the statistics released by China's National Immigration Administration, nearly 18,000 people from the six countries entered China from Dec. 1 to 3, a daily increase of 39 percent compared to Nov. 30, Wang said.

He added that about 7,000 people come to China through the visa-free policy, and the figure accounts for 39 percent of the total number of entries from six countries.

"This fully shows that the unilateral visa-free policy has indeed brought tangible convenience to the people of the countries," said Wang.

14. China to grant zero-tariff treatment to 6 least-developed African countries

China will provide zero-tariff treatment for six least-developed African countries, the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council said on Dec. 6.

Starting from Dec. 25, 98 percent of taxable products from Angola, The Gambia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Mali and Mauritania will be exempt from tariffs when entering China, the commission revealed in a statement.

The move aims to embody the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation, and facilitate a high-quality China-Africa community with a shared future, the commission said.

In the next step, China will expand its zero-tariff treatment to all the least-developed countries with which it has established diplomatic relations, according to the commission.

15. Spring Festival listed as UN floating holiday



The Spring Festival has been officially listed as a UN Floating Holiday in the UN Calendar of Conferences and Meetings starting from 2024, the Chinese Mission to the United Nations announced in a statement on Dec. 22.

III. China-Tanzania Relations and Embassy Updates

16. President Xi Jinping extends condolences to President Samia Suluhu Hassan over mudslides in Manyara

Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan over the severe mudslides in Manyara region, which killed dozens of people and caused extensive damages.

President Xi said in the message that on behalf of the Chinese government and the Chinese people, I express deep condolences to the victims and offer sincere sympathies to the bereaved families and the affected people. “I believe under your leadership, the Tanzanian people will be able to overcome the disaster and rebuild their homes”, President Xi added.

17. Ambassador Chen Mingjian visits Mogorogo region and inspects China-Tanzania agricultural cooperation projects



From Dec. 5 to 6, Ambassador Chen Mingjian led a delegation to visit Morogoro region of Tanzania and met with the Regional Commissioner Hon. Adam Kighoma Malima. While inspecting the China-aided Agricultural Technology Demonstration Center, Ambassador Chen said that the Morogoro region is rich in agricultural, mining and tourist resources and it is also an important area along the Tanzania-Zambia Railway (TAZARA). “China is willing to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with Morogoro region in agriculture, including the plantation of soybeans and sisal, so as to further promote local economic and social development as well as the bilateral trade.

Ambassador Chen also visited the village of Mtego wa Simba in Morogoro rural district, and listened to the villagers’ story of soybean plantation with Chinese technology. The villagers welcomed Ambassador Chen and other members of the delegation with soybean milk.

18. Major Tanzanian newspapers publish Ambassador Chen Mingjian’s 2024 New Year address

On January 1st and 3rd, 2024, three major Tanzanian newspapers, namely

Daily News, The Guardian, and Mwananchi, published Ambassador Chen Mingjian's 2024 New Year address.



In her address, Ambassador Chen said that the year 2023 is of particular importance to China as the country, at a new starting point, has made steady progress on high-quality development and high-standard opening-up. China's economy is projected to grow by 5.4%, and its contribution to global economic growth will exceed 30%, continuing to be a front-runner among major economies, Ambassador Chen added.

She stressed that the past year has been extraordinary for China-Tanzania relations, citing the meeting between Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Johannesburg in August 2023 as an evidence of high-level political trust and close relations between the two countries.

Noting that the year 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania, Ambassador Chen said China will take the 60th anniversary celebration as an opportunity to renew traditional friendship and respond to various challenges together with Tanzania so as to promote common development of the two countries.

Full text of Amb. Chen's New Year address: <https://shorturl.at/hyEUU>

19. Chargé d'affaires a.i. Suo Peng attends Hangzhou city promotional event held in Dar es Salaam



On Dec. 15, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania Mr. Suo Peng attended a Hangzhou city promotional event held in Dar es Salaam and delivered a speech. Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania Hon. Angellah Kairuki, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Hangzhou Municipal People's Congress Mr. Li Huolin, and over 60 representatives of the business community were present at the event.

In his speech, Mr. Suo Peng said that although Hangzhou and Dar es Salaam are thousands of miles away, the two cities are closely connected by the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Since the successful state visit to China by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in November 2023, the comprehensive mutually beneficial cooperation between China and Tanzania has gained strong momentum, and China-Tanzania relations have become an exemplar for the development of China-Africa relations and South-South cooperation, Mr. Suo added.

Delivering her speech at the event, Minister Angellah Kairuki said that China has rich experience in tourism promotion and preservation of heritage sites, and she believes that Tanzania and Dar es Salaam will benefit from their cooperation

with China and its Hangzhou city in promoting tourism.

Mr. Li Huolin, in his speech, briefly introduced the Hangzhou city, which is the capital of southeast China's Zhejiang province. He said that Hangzhou will further expand exchange channels with foreign cities and continuously deepen exchanges and cooperation with the outside world, with the purpose of accelerating internationalization of the city.

20. Counsellor Chu Kun attends award ceremony of Huawei Tanzania's 2023 "Seed for the Future" program



On Dec. 18, Mr. Chu Kun, Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania responsible for economic and commercial affairs, attended the award ceremony of Huawei Tanzania's 2023 "Seeds for the Future" program. Tanzania's Minister of Information, Communication and Information Technology Hon. Nape Nnauye praised Huawei's efforts in supporting the training of local young technical talents. Since China's tech giant Huawei launched the "Seeds for the Future" program in Tanzania in 2016, it has provided more than 240 Tanzanian college students with the opportunities to learn cutting-edge information and communication technologies, helping to develop the local digital economy.

IV. Chinese Community in Tanzania

21. Chinese Business Chamber of Tanzania called on local Chinese communities to donate more supplies and cash to the victims of the mudslides in Manyara



On Dec. 9, the Chinese Business Chamber of Tanzania made an announcement to encourage the local Chinese communities to donate more supplies and cash to the victims of the devastating mudslides which occurred in Hanang district, Manyara region on Dec. 3.

The Chinese Business Chamber of Tanzania publicized a list of 24 Chinese institutions and individuals who had donated 50 million Tanzanian Shillings worth of supplies, including clothes, shoes, tents and cash. The Chamber called on Chinese communities in Tanzania to uphold the spirit of internationalism and humanitarianism, carry forward the traditional Chinese virtue of helping each other, and make donations to the Tanzanian people who are severely affected by the natural disaster in Hanang district.