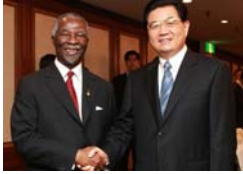




## Weekly China Briefing 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008

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### Chinese, South African presidents discuss bilateral ties, Zimbabwe



With bilateral trade growing between South Africa and China, the two presidents met to discuss strategic partnerships and the current Zimbabwe crisis. They encouraged

Zimbabwe to resolve its differences through dialogue. Both presidents attended the Outreach Session of the G8 Summit. [Read More](#)

### G8 making climate change sales pitch to China

G8 met with leaders of emerging countries- to discuss carbon emissions. Their participation is considered essential to a climate deal that would take effect when the first phase of the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012. China and India are reported to be among the highest carbon polluters in the world. [Read More](#)

### Angola: China expected to replace Portugal as biggest supplier to Angola in 2008

Chinese trade with Angola is the highest on the continent mainly due to oil exports by Angola. Official Chinese figures show that between January and April exports to Angola rose 138 % to US\$ 742.5 million. [Read More](#)

### G-8 Leaders Voice Concern About China's Foreign Aid

G8 expressed concern about China's opaque ways of donating Aid during a session on African Development. Issues include the fact that China does not hold open, international bidding for projects that will be financed through its Aid, and that it brings its own labour, rather than making use of local African workers. [Read More](#)

### Niger signs power deal with China



China is hoping to boost electricity production in Niger by 30%. Under this agreement China will transfer several electricity units to Niger; each unit is expected to provide 15-20 megawatts of power. Other plans include upgrading the power grid and purchasing new parts for infrastructure. [Read More](#)

### Bush and Fukuda to Attend Olympic Opening

President Bush has stated that not attending the Olympics would be an affront to the Chinese people. Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda will attend despite protests from human rights activists to not support Beijing. Fukuda stated the Olympics is a sporting event that should not be linked to politics. Bush defends his decision by stating that not attending would make future diplomatic negotiations with Chinese leaders uneasy. [Read More](#)

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