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**Rural school to be built in Togo with Chinese aid** Ground was broken for a rural primary school to be built near the capital city

with Chinese aid. The school is being built under a pledge by the Chinese government at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation held in November 2006. [Read More](#)

**Chinese follow up engineering troop arrives in Darfur**

A team of Chinese engineers arrived in west Sudan's Darfur region Thursday, completing the deployment of a Chinese engineering unit in the war-torn area. The 172-member team, including 27 officers and 145 soldiers, arrived in Nyala, capital of Sudan's South Darfur state. [Read More](#)

**S. Africa's Kumba lifts H1 earnings on China demand**

Kumba Iron Ore, Africa's top producer of the raw material to make steel, lifted first-half headline earnings by 76% on demand from China, and forecast further rises, sending its shares soaring. Kumba said it expected to boost full-year production to US\$ 38 million tonnes, and anticipated only a limited impact on its annual production from a power crisis in South Africa. Kumba said it planned to lift exports to China to 50% of its output from 35% once it completed expansions. [Read More](#)

**CPC delegation leaves for visits to three African nations**

A friendship delegation of the Communist Party of China (CPC) left Beijing for visits to Malawi, Zambia and Tunisia. The delegation will pay friendly visits to Malawi and Zambia respectively at the invitation of the Democratic Progressive Party of Malawi and the Movement for Multi-Party Democracy of Zambia.

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**China leads new financiers in Africa**

China is ramping up financing for power and transport projects in Africa, with the majority in four countries



endowed with natural resources, according to a report by the World Bank. The report estimates China's funding for roads, railways and power projects peaked at US\$ 7 billion in 2006 from just US\$ 1 billion a year between 2001 and 2003. [Read More](#)

**China Grows Rice in Mozambique**

In exchange for the construction of new dams and roads, Mozambique has granted China favourable land leases to run mega-farms and cattle ranches. In return, China will finance three more dams and build new roads. [Read More](#)

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