



## Weekly China Briefing 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008

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### **Nigeria's trade with China Hits US\$4.4 Billion**

Bilateral trade between Nigeria and China in 2007 reached about US\$ 4.4 billion, the Vice Minister of Commerce, PRC, Chein Jien disclosed recently in Abuja. He reports the two countries enjoy a very smooth and a rapid development of trade and economic cooperation in the areas of energy, resources cooperation and infrastructural development. [Read More](#)



### **ECOWAS Delegation due in China for Investment Talks**

A delegation of West Africa's public and private sector operators are due in Beijing this week for a joint forum with their Chinese counterparts in an effort to stimulate increased Chinese

investment in the regional economy. Approximately 450 private and public sector operators are participating in the forum of which some 350 are from the private sectors of the 15 ECOWAS Member States. [Read More](#)

### **African States Ban Chinese Milk in Health Alert**

Bans on imports of Chinese milk products by African states fearing contamination have highlighted the growing presence of Chinese goods in Africa's markets and raised over dependency worries. The WHO has no reports of illness caused by tainted Chinese milk outside China and said a blanket ban on imports was not required. But it warned countries to be vigilant. [Read More](#)

### **Chinese premier and U.N. Chief Meet On International Issues**



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York to discuss major international issues, including the world's economic and financial situation and the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Maintaining world

peace and stability, safeguarding international economic and financial stability, and fulfilling the MDGs are three major issues the world is facing today, Wen said at the meeting. [Read More](#)

### **Algeria is the main destination of Chinese investments in Middle East and North Africa**

China became the fourth largest trade partner of Algeria, after the U.S. France and Italy. According to statistics of the Algerian Customs services for both 2007 and 2008 the trade exchanges between Algeria and China reached US\$ 3.5 billion. Algerian imports are estimated at US\$ 2.4 billion, while the Algerian exports to China are up to US\$ 1.1 billion. [Read More](#)

### **Mozambique's Frelimo and CCP Agree to Joint Cadre Training**

Mozambique's ruling Frelimo Party and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) have agreed to cooperate in cadre training and exchanges of experience. Every two years, a Frelimo delegation is to visit China and a CCP Chinese will visit Mozambique. [Read More](#)

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