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Regards,

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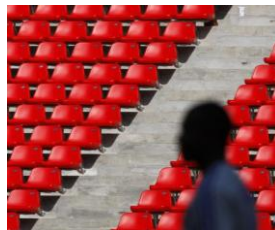
Bank group President on official visit to China



The African Development Bank (AfDB) Group President, Donald Kaberuka, is making an official visit to China in February 2010. In Beijing, Mr. Kaberuka will hold talks with Chinese political authorities and the country's highest financial authorities such as the China Central Bank Governor and leaders of the Export-Import Bank of China (Exim Bank). For the AfDB president, this mission is primarily a "goodwill visit to consolidate relations between China and the Bank. China has been a member of the AfDB since 1985.

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Angola seeking future for football stadia



With the African Cup of Nations over and the last players and journalists making their long and expensive journeys home, host Angola is now faced with a new challenge - how to avoid the Athens-effect. Built by Chinese construction companies at a cost of US\$600 million the four super-modern facilities, which seat between 20,000 and 50,000 people are now empty. And there are fears they could fall out of use, as has happened with some of the facilities built for the 2004 Olympics in the Greek capital. [Read More](#)

Africa-China partnership yields profitable outcomes says AU



The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has yielded concrete and profitable results to Africa in many areas, even though the continent has not used up its potential in market opportunities and niche markets, a report of the African Union Commission disclosed recently. The AU Commission noted in a report the growing number of partnerships with Africa. The AU Commission has been also exhorted to undertake a comprehensive review of all existing partnerships in order to implement strategies and action plans agreed between Africa and its international partners. [Read More](#)

World Bank may 'co-invest' with China in Africa



The World Bank may seek to “co- invest” with China in African manufacturing projects, helping poor nations to add value to exports and create jobs, President Robert Zoellick said. China can bring expertise in building infrastructure and lessons from its own recent push to become a manufacturing hub, Zoellick said in a video conference from Ethiopia’s capital, Addis Ababa. “We welcome China’s investment in sub-Saharan Africa,” he said. “We think it has the potential to build infrastructure and create additional jobs, perhaps also create some new investment possibilities in the manufacturing sector.” [Read More](#)

China sets up energy agency headed by Premier



China has set up a government agency headed by Premier Wen Jiabao to better coordinate energy policy, as the world's second-largest power consumer faces growing domestic demand and struggles with shortages. The establishment of the National Energy Commission reflects the high priority that energy issues have taken in China and the frustrations Chinese leaders have had coordinating powerful bureaucracies and state-owned companies. The commission will draft energy development strategy, review energy security and coordinate international cooperation. [Read More](#)

The West accepts India and China as equals at WEF in Davos



Once again, China and India are high on the agenda at the World Economic Forum. But something is different: Once they were seen as promising markets - China as workbench and India as a services provider, both for Western companies, but the past 18 months have changed all that. At long last, both countries - and other emerging markets like Brazil - are being accepted as true economic equals. Western commerce giants now have no choice but to build their operations in these high-growth areas. [Read More](#)

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