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The Weekly China Briefing is compiled by the Centre for Chinese Studies at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. It monitors key developments in China-Africa commerce and development.

Regards,

The Centre for Chinese Studies Research Team

China opens research centre for Sino-African Economic Cooperation



China recently opened a research centre dedicated to the studies of Sino-African economic and trade cooperation, an official with the country's Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said. The China-Africa Research Centre was set up by the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, an institute under the MOC. The centre aims to provide a theoretical basis for the Chinese government's Africa-related decision makings. It will also provide consultation services for companies with plans to expand their businesses to Africa. [Read more](#)

Zambia and Chinese firms to build US\$1.5 billion power plant



Zambia, Africa's largest copper producer, signed an agreement recently with two Chinese companies to build a 600 megawatt plant. It is expected to cost US\$1.5 billion. Finance Minister Situmbeko Musokotwane said the construction of the Kafue Gorge Lower power project in southern Zambia will start next year, with initial financing of US\$ 1 billion expected to come from the Chinese. [Read more.](#)

South Africa suspends wool and mohair exports to China



South Africa recently halted raw wool and mohair exports to China because it couldn't guarantee they were from areas free of Rift Valley fever, the Cape Wools sheep - farmers association said. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries will no longer issue certificates clearing shipments for Rift Valley fever, a livestock disease that can infect humans, Cape Wools said. China's veterinary authority requires the department to certify that wool deliveries are disease-free. South Africa's raw wool exports to China, the largest importer of the nation's wool, totalled US\$ 129 million last year. [Read more](#)

Will Ghana choose China over ExxonMobil?



The government of Ghana recently indicated in a press release that it will soon decide on the Kosmos Energy-ExxonMobil Jubilee stake issue that has since become thorny. The government pledged to do 'whatever it takes within the law to protect the national interest at all times,' in the matter of the sale of Kosmos Energy's stake in the Jubilee oil field to ExxonMobil. Recently there were speculations within the global oil industry that the government was likely to settle on the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) against Kosmos' choice ExxonMobil. Indeed, government officials in the past have indicated their preference for the Chinese who have expressed interest in buying the stake. [Read more](#)

China passes Japan as second-largest economy



After three decades of spectacular growth, China passed Japan in the second quarter to become the world's second-largest economy behind the United States, according to government figures released recently. The recognition came when Tokyo said that Japan's economy was valued at about US\$ 1.28 trillion in the second quarter, slightly below China's US\$ 1.33 trillion. Japan's economy grew 0.4 % in the quarter, Tokyo said, substantially less than forecast. That weakness suggests that China's economy will race past Japan's for the full year. [Read more.](#)

Foreign diplomats hail Chinese six-decade international aid



Foreign diplomats recently spoke highly of China's six decades of aid to foreign countries, as an exhibition was held in Beijing to commemorate China's international aid efforts. The exhibition, which was launched on 12 August, showcased the country's international aid efforts in areas such as infrastructure, agriculture, medical treatment, industrial development, environmental protection, culture and education. The exhibition attracted more than 100 foreign diplomats.

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