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Regards,

The Centre for Chinese Studies Research Team

EU firms urge China to drop barriers to business



European companies called recently for equal access to China's markets and expressed concern that Beijing is backsliding on regulatory reform. In its annual position paper, the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China listed a familiar array of barriers that it said were preventing its members from competing with their local rivals on a level playing field. These include discrimination in favour of Chinese firms when enforcing environmental and labour laws; compulsory certification requirements that unduly restrict market access for foreign firms; and preferential treatment for products containing indigenous intellectual property [Read more.](#)

Spain reaches out to China on government debt



Spain hopes China will increase its investment in Spanish government debt, Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero said on a visit to Beijing, highlighting China's importance as a source of global capital. Mr. Zapatero made the comments in a group interview with Chinese media recently, during a brief stop in Beijing after visiting the World Expo in Shanghai. "We definitely hope that China will continue to increase its holdings of Spanish government bonds," he said, according to a recording of the interview [Read more.](#)

China to invest US\$13 billion in Mozambique



China plans to invest US\$13 billion in industrial, tourism, mining and energy projects in Mozambique over the next five years, a state-controlled newspaper said recently. The two countries also agreed to establish a US\$2 billion investment fund to support Chinese companies operating in the southern African nation. China will also introduce direct flights between Mozambique and Shanghai, with the aim of drawing one million Chinese tourists a year, Mozambique's minister of planning and development told the newspaper [Read more.](#)

Suntech signs pact to build South Africa solar plants



Suntech Power, China's largest maker of solar panels, said recently that it has signed a deal to develop solar plants in South Africa with up to 100 megawatts in capacity as the country looks to boost clean energy output. The signing of the memorandum of understanding (MOU), which coincided with the visit by South African President Jacob Zuma to China, was one of a dozen deals involving investments in energy, power transmission and railways between the two nations [Read more.](#)

Zambia: Banda's trips to yield 2,000 jobs



In an interview in Lusaka recently, the Zambian Finance and National Planning Minister, Situmbeko Musokotwane, said the China Development Bank (CDB) offered to provide US\$1 billion for a planned hydroelectric station in Zambia and proposed a Chinese company to develop the project. He said about 2,000 jobs will be created at the new Kafue Lower Gorge power station [Read more.](#)

World Investment Forum to meet in Xiamen, China



Some of the greatest minds and movers in the field of investment will assemble in Xiamen, China, for the UNCTAD's World Investment Forum 2010 to discuss how to promote sustainable investment and development in the new phase of globalisation and take advantage of opportunities that could arise across the globe. Investment Showcase events will include 'investment climate' presentations by ministers from Cambodia, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Vietnam, and Zambia to investors [Read more.](#)

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