

Speech at the Mulungushi University of Zambia

has experienced more than a hundred years of downturn. It was bullied by the Western powers for around 100 years. Since then, the Chinese people were actively exploring the right path to achieve rejuvenation. It was not until 1921 when the Communist Party of China was founded and 1949 when the CPC led the Chinese people to estabr5tBT 0 1 234.4

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believe this is the secret of China's rapid development.

In October 2017, the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China was held in Beijing. The Congress made a major political decision on the historical position of China's development, that is, socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a "New Era." What does it mean? I believe it means a new and higher level of China's development defined by the need to address the existing imbalances and inadequacies of our development as we work to meet the growing aspirations of the people for a better life. For China today, there is more emphasis on the quality rather than quantity of development, more emphasis on what real benefits people can get rather than just aggregate growth rate.

The new era is also an era in which China and the rest of the world share the dividends of China's reform and development. In 2018 and 2019, the first and second China International Import Expo were held in Shanghai. The CIIE is the world's first import expo held at the national level, an innovation in the history of global trade. It is a major measure and

original action of China to proactively open its

we could.”

I have strong faith in the bright prospects of China’s economic development. China will reach out its arms and offer countries in the world more opportunities of market, investment and growth. Together, we can achieve development for all.

II. China-Zambia All Weather Friendship

I learned that today's lecture is part of the diplomatic relations series of Mulungushi University opened since 2017 by H.E. Dr. Kenneth Kaunda. Taking this opportunity, I would like to make a review of the China-Zambia traditional friendship.

55 years ago, 5 days after Zambia’s independence, Dr. Kenneth

open up the sea passage and get rid of the dependence on the southern sea passages that were subject to the white racist regimes of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia. Tanzania and Zambia first sought the help of Western powers to build the railway, but they all rejected. The answers are mostly the same. The railway is economically not feasible.

In February 1965, the Tanzanian President Nyerere visited China for the first time. During the meeting with the Chinese leaders, he expressed the desire to request China to build the TAZARA. The Chinese leaders agreed on the basis of supporting the African countries in striving for and safeguarding national independence, developing the national economy, and actively developing the strategic relationship between China and the third world countries. During the visit of Dr.

support for the struggle of the African people for
anti-imperialist and anti-colonial struggle for national

passed, the Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations and other African brothers shouted and jumped for joy for China.

Why does China become so close to Africa? Like African countries, China has a painful history of foreign colonization and being exploited and oppressed by foreign powers. China and Africa's leaders of the old generation including Chairman Mao Zedong and Dr. Kenneth Kaunda initiated China-

Nothing, not even mountains and oceans, can separate people with shared goals and vision. This year marks the 55th anniversary of the national independence of Zambia, as well as the establishment of China-Zambia diplomatic relations.

an even stronger China-Africa community with a shared future. In 2018, the China-Zambia bilateral trade volume has reached 5 billion US dollars for the first time with a year-on-year growth of 33.9%. Zambia has a surplus of more than 4 billion US dollars. China's direct investment to Zambia in 2018 maintained a constant growth with an increase of 327 million US dollars, ranking second among African countries. A number of key projects including CMCC South-East Ore Body, Zambia-Jiangxi Multi facility Economic Zone, Kafulafuta Dam and Water Supply, Village Satellite TV, Smart Zambia and Levy Mwanawasa Hospital have been making remarkable progress, which ~~pro~~ of key

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and the Fourth Republican President H.E. Mr. Rupiah Banda serves as honorary president and executive president respectively, providing an important platform for the two peoples to enhance exchanges and deepen understanding.

IV. A better future for China-Zambia relationship

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Zambia. It is an important year to build on past achievements and forge ahead. At present, China and Zambia are actively implementing the consensus reached by the two heads of state and promoting the implementation of the outcomes of the FOCAC Beijing Summit.

The FOCAC Beijing Summit has achieved fruitful results. The most notable outcome is that President Xi Jinping announced the "Eight Major Initiatives" of China-Africa cooperation at the meeting, which has set the direction for the future development of China-Africa relations. China will provide another 60 billion U.S. dollars in support for the Initiatives, including: US\$15 billion of grants, interest-free loans and concessional loans, US\$20 billion of credit lines, the setting up of a US\$10

billion special fund for development financing and a US\$5 billion of special fund for financing imports from Africa. We enc

development demonstrate the importance of sustained capital investment and the necessity to improve the level of infrastructure. The debt issue is a problem that arises in the development process, and the fundamental solution still depends on further development. In our own experience, we also borrowed a lot in the development process, but we did not fall into the "debt trap." Instead of setting a debt trap for Zambia, China has been helping African countries, including Zambia, to strengthen their own economic capacity. To achieve sustainable development, we require Chinese enterprises and financial institutions to conduct cooperation with Zambia in a responsible manner. We have always treated the matter from an overall perspective of friendship

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purchase contracts with the producers on the spot. This honey company is located in Kabwe, the Central Province, with a brand named Mpundu Wild Honey. At the 2nd China International Import Expo, the Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry Hon.

also been one of the important areas of cooperation between the two countries. For 41 consecutive years since 1978, China has sent 546 medical doctors to Zambia to treat 3 million local patients and have carried out more than 20,000 surgeries. China will continue to make efforts to improve the medical and health status of Zambia.

6. People-to-people exchange programs. Zambia is endowed with very rich tourism resources. I believe that with the joint efforts of both sides, the tourism infrastructure of Zambia will continue to be improved, more and more Chinese tourists will come to enjoy the beauty of Zambia.

Second, we must work hard and be a practitioner and promoter of the development of China-Zambia relations. Looking forward into the future, the China-Zambia relations have broad prospects for development. I