PRC Agreements with Foreign Countries

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Burundi (Dec 22)

BUJUMBURA, Dec. 23 (Xinhua) - Chinese Ambassador to Burundi Yu Xu Zhong and Burundian Foreign Minister Augustin Nsanze have signed three accords worth some 11.4 million U.S. dollars to boost the economic and health sectors. At the signing ceremony, the Chinese ambassador said the first agreement on technical and economic cooperation amounts to 60 million yuan (9 million dollars). "The donations will be allocated to financing projects chosen by our two governments," Yu said. Under the agreements, some of the fund will be used for medical equipment at Mpanda Hospital in Bubanza Province, 23 km northwest of the Burundian capital Bujumbura. Its inauguration is due in January 2011. The aid will also go to the professional centre of Kamenge, a slum located in Bujumbura. The centre has been operational since 1985 with more than 200 Burundian interns trained there. (XNA, 23 Dec 10)

India (Dec 16)

New Delhi, 16 December: India and China signed six pacts, including one in the field of green technology. The agreements were signed after talks between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. Besides the MoU [Memorandum of Understanding] on green technology, the two sides also signed an MoU each on exchange of hydrological data of common rivers, media exchanges and cultural exchanges. Two pacts were signed in the banking sector. These were an MoU each between Reserve Bank of India and Chinese Bank Regulatory Commission and EXIM Bank of India and Chinese Development Bank. (PTI news agency, New Delhi, 16 Dec 10, in BBC PF, 17 Dec 10)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16 (Xinhua) - Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his Indian counterpart Mamnoon Singh reaffirmed their commitment to promote bilateral relations. ... After their talks, both leaders witnessed the signing of a number of cooperation agreements by both sides in the fields of economy, culture, environmental protection and media. The two sides also issued a joint communiqué. ... (XNA, 16 Dec 10)

Jordan (Dec 25)

AMMAN, Dec. 25 (Xinhua) - Jordan and China signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement under which China provides the Arab kingdom with 4.5 million US dollars to implement development projects. The agreement was signed by Jordan's Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Jafar Hassan and China's Deputy Minister of Commerce Chen Jian, who was in Jordan for an official visit. ... According to the ministry, China's support to Jordan in loans and grants from 2009 to 2010 stood at 119.5 million US dollars. (XNA, 25 Dec 10)

Nigeria (Dec 20)

BEIJING, Dec. 20 (Xinhua) - China and Nigeria signed a 900-million-US-dollar credit agreement for rail and communications projects. Olusegun Aganga, the Nigerian Finance Minister, announced the deal at a press conference at the Nigerian Embassy in Beijing. The agreement between the Nigerian government and the Export-Import Bank of China comprises of the Abuja rail project worth 500 million US dollars and a national public security communications project worth 400 million US dollars. "These are two priority infrastructure projects crucial for Nigeria's economic and social development," the minister said. "It is more than a loan agreement. It marks the beginning of a new kind of partnership, where the companies do not only see themselves as contractors but also partners to transform our country and our economy," Aganga said. (XNA, 20 Dec 10)

Pakistan (Dec 17)

Islamabad, 17 December: Pakistan and China inked a 13 agreements and Memoranda of Understandings on cooperation in economy, energy, banking, security and technology. Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao witnessed the signing of documents as the respective ministers and officials of Pakistan and China inked them.

The Agreements and MoUs were signed to expand cooperation in the utilization, management, training, educational programmes and modernization of railways and to establish a long term cooperative relationship on the basis of equality and mutual benefits.

The first Memorandum of Understanding on Reciprocal Establishment of Cultural Centers was signed by Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Chinese Minister of Culture Cai Wu. Second MoU on Strengthening Technical Cooperation and Pak-China Road Transport Activities between Ministry of Transport of China and Ministry of Communications of Pakistan was signed by Minister of Railways Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour and Chinese

The Agreement on launching of Urdu Program of China Radio International in Pakistan between China Radio International (CRI) and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) was signed for broadcast on FM 93 (Islamabad, Lahore, Multan and Kohat) and the programmes shall be in Urdu and English. The Agreement was inked by Director General PBC Ghulam Murtaza Solangi and Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Liu Jian. The MoU on Cooperation between Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan and Securities Regulatory Commission of China (SRCC) was inked by Commissioner SECP Tahir Mahmood and Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Liu Jian.

The MoU on Establishment of Energy Working Group between National Energy Administration of China and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan was signed by Secretary Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources Imtiaz Kazi and Vice Minister and Deputy Director Head of National Energy Administration Qian Zhimin [deputy director of the National Energy Administration].

A Government Concessional Loan Agreement on the Safe City Islamabad Project was also signed between Pakistan and EXIM Bank of China and it was inked by Secretary EAD Sibtain Fazal Haleem and Vice President, China Export and Import Bank Li Jun.

An agreement for National Electronics Complex of Pakistan was signed by Chairman, NESCOM Irfan Burney and President, CETC Yan Lijin.

An agreement to provide License to establish Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) by the State Bank of Pakistan was signed by Governor SBP Shahid Hafeez Kardar and President ICBC Yang Kaisheng.

The Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between Government of Pakistan and Government of China for the grant of RMB 200 Million for Agriculture related projects was inked by Minister of Finance Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh and Chinese Minister and China International Trade Representative Gao Hucheng. The Framework Agreement between China and Pakistan on Provisioning of Concessional loan by China to Pakistan - Non Intrusive vehicle X-ray Inspection System Project and was also signed by Minister of Finance Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh and Chinese Minister and China International Trade Representative Gao Hucheng.

(Associated Press of Pakistan news agency, Islamabad, 17 Dec 10, in BBC PF, 19 Dec 10)

Rwanda (Dec 24)

Kigali - The governments of China and Rwanda signed 6m dollar economic and technical cooperation agreement to further strengthen Rwanda's development. The signing was held at Foreign Affairs Ministry between Eugene Munyakayanza, the permanent secretary in the ministry, on behalf of Rwanda and the charge d'affaires at the Chinese embassy in Rwanda, Li Yigang, who represented China. The funds will be provided by China Development Bank. ... (The New Times website, Kigali, 25 Dec 10, in BBC PF, 26 Dec 10)

International Agreements

The European Investment Bank has agreed to provide China with a Euro 500 million loan to fund projects that mitigate climate change. The loan will fund as many as 15 projects in sectors including onshore wind power, biomass and solar power, according to a statement distributed at a briefing in Beijing on 3 December. Magdalena Alvarez Arza, vice-president of the European Investment Bank, and Vice-Minister of Finance Li Yong signed the loan agreement as envoys from 190 countries met in Cancun, Mexico. The new loan from the European Investment Bank will fund projects that reduce China's carbon emissions by three million tonnes annually, Alvarez sat at the briefing. (SCMP, 4 Dec 10)

Seoul, Dec. 16 (Yonhap) - South Korea, China and Japan signed an agreement to establish a cooperation secretariat in Seoul next year, a landmark accord that represents the first treaty between the neighbours whose relations have often soured over history and other disputes. South Korean Foreign Minister Kim So'ng-hwan [Kim Sung-hwan], Japanese Ambassador Masatoshi Muto and Chinese Ambassador Zhang Xinsen signed the Agreement on the Establishment of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat, the foreign ministry said in a statement. The agreement is the "first-ever treaty signed between the three governments," the ministry said. "The secretariat is expected to make cooperation among the three countries more substantial and institutional so as to contribute greatly to boost trilateral cooperation in terms of its quality and quantity." South Korean President Lee Myung-bak [Yi Myo'ng-pak] first proposed the idea when he held three-way summit talks with his Chinese and Japanese counterparts in Beijing last year. In May, the three countries signed a memorandum on the matter when this year's trilateral summit took place on South Korea's southern island of Jeju. Officials from the countries have since worked out details and came to agreement recently.

The three countries are key trade partners to each other, but their political relations have often frayed over their shared history, including Japan's aggression against the other nations in the early
20th century, as well as over territorial rows. (Yonhap news agency, Seoul, 16 Dec 10, in BBC PF, 17 Dec 10)

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**Hong Kong SAR Agreement with Switzerland (Dec 06)**

Geneva, Dec. 6 (Xinhua) - Switzerland and China's Hong Kong signed an agreement on the avoidance of double taxation, said the Swiss Foreign Ministry. ... (XNA, 6 Dec 10)

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**China Mainland with Taiwan (Dec 21)**

TAIPEI, Dec. 21 (Xinhua) - Chinese mainland and Taiwan negotiators signed a medical and health care cooperation agreement in Taipei. The agreement includes: timely notification of infectious disease; strengthened disease prevention measures and handling of major epidemics; enhanced cooperation in pharmaceutical research and safety management; exchange in traditional Chinese medicine research and quality guarantees; and cooperation in handling medical emergencies. The agreement was inked at talks between the mainland's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits (ARATS) and Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF), which are the two bodies authorized to handle cross-Strait affairs. (XNA, 21 Dec 10; full text of the agreement: RMRB, 22 Dec 10)