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The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Hon. Wang Yi to visit Tanzania

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Hon. Wang Yi, is scheduled to undertake an official visit to the United Republic of Tanzania from 9th to 10th January 2026.

During the visit, Hon. Wang Yi will be received by his host, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), and is also expected to pay a courtesy call to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The visit aims to further reinforce the longstanding and cordial relations between the United Republic of Tanzania and the People's Republic of China within the broader framework of China–Africa cooperation. Tanzania and China continue to enjoy robust and mutually beneficial cooperation in trade and investment, reflecting the depth and resilience of the bilateral partnership.

Chinese enterprises have also continued to expand and consolidate their presence in Tanzania, making a significant contribution to the country's economic development. In 2025 alone, the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA) registered 343 Chinese-backed projects with a total value of USD 3.1 billion, generating 82,404 employment opportunities. These investments span a wide range of strategic sectors, including manufacturing, agriculture, services, transport, commercial real estate, telecommunications, and tourism.

The two countries also cooperate closely in the development of transport infrastructure, recognizing its vital role as a catalyst for economic growth and regional integration. The Tanzania–Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) remains one of the most enduring and powerful symbols of friendship, cooperation, and shared aspirations between the Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Zambia and the People's Republic of China. Spanning a total of 1,860 kilometres with 975 kilometres in Tanzania and 885 kilometres in Zambia. The TAZARA Railway lies at the heart of the historic friendship between Tanzania and China and embodies the shared values of sincerity, solidarity, freedom, and justice that continue to underpin the close partnership between our two countries.



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This visit further underscores the enduring friendship and close cooperation between Tanzania and China, founded on mutual trust, respect, and shared values cultivated over more than six decades. The strong bonds between the two countries were laid by their founding leaders, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere and the late Chairman Mao Zedong, and have since been carefully nurtured and strengthened by successive generations of leadership.

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