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President Xi Jinping welcomes President Yoweri K. Museveni in Beijing, China. During the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) 2018, the two Presidents agreed to deepen practical cooperation in areas such as industrial parks, infrastructure construction and electric power and encouraged more Chinese companies to invest and develop in Uganda.

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List of Chinese Ambassadors to Uganda since 1963

Since 1963, after China established its foreign mission in Uganda, the country has hosted 18 Ambassadors starting with H.E. He Ying in 1963 to date when we have H.E. Zhang Lizhong. While some of us may not have met or had working contact with H.E. He Ying, the Ugandan people will remember the first ambassador in the history of China-Uganda diplomatic relations.

Most of us are very familiar with Amb. Sun Heping (2007-2011), Amb.Zhao Yali (2011-2016), Amb.Zheng Zhuqiang (2016-2021). All of them have made great contributions to China-Uganda friendship during their tenure. Ugandan people will always be grateful to them. Then when the world faced the challenges of the COVID-19 scourge, H.E. Zhang Lizhong was deployed to Uganda. Ambassador Zhang’s arrival has added more luster to the cooperation between our two countries, which is now at its best ever. Over the past 60 years, the Chinese Embassy in Uganda together with Chinese companies extended generosity to various entities and communities when we most needed it.

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Foreword

H.E. Zhang Lizhong
Chinese Ambassador to Uganda

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The year 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Uganda on 18th October 1962, just nine days after Uganda gained independence. Over the past 60 years, China and Uganda have forged an unbreakable fraternity and embarked on a clearly defined path of development cooperation.

Together, we have written a solid chapter of mutual assistance amid complex global challenges and are firmly on course to build an even stronger episode of China-Africa cooperation premised on the dream of a shared future of prosperity. Today, the Chinese and Ugandan people have become comrades, sisters, brothers and partners who enjoy the best relations ever, based on mutual trust.

High-level exchange visits between the two countries have provided strong momentum to our relations. In June 2019, H.E. President Xi Jinping held talks with H.E. President Yoweri K. Museveni, thereby elevating relations to the level of Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership and injecting a fresh impetus into our relationship.

Practical cooperation between our countries has yielded important achievements, including setting up industrial parks which are creating tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs and supporting the socio-economic transformation and industrialization of Uganda.

Currently, China and Uganda are working closely to implement the Nine Programmes announced by President Xi Jinping at the opening ceremony of the 8th Ministerial Conference of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in November 2021.

Chinese companies and enterprises investing and operating in Uganda are actively undertaking their Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR), benefiting scores of Ugandans.

We are facing great times and great opportunities. I am happy that the Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2022 is being published to showcase the CSR undertakings by Chinese enterprises in Uganda. The report will further promote cooperation between our two countries.

H.E. Zhang Lizhong
Chinese Ambassador to Uganda
INTRODUCTION

The National Resistance Movement (NRM) has maintained close cooperation with the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the two parties have held exchange visits to share knowledge and experience on development. President Yoweri K. Museveni and President Xi Jinping of China have exchanged messages of goodwill and pledged further cooperation in agriculture, security, health and education. The two countries have upheld strong diplomatic relations built on the principles of mutual respect, equality and non-interference in each other’s domestic affairs.

In 2019, President Yoweri K. Museveni travelled to Shaoshan, Hunan Province in China on a pilgrimage to the birthplace of Chairman Mao Zedong, whom he described as an inspiring figure for revolutionaries. Exchange visits between the leaders of the NRM and CPC have grown over the years, with delegations from the two parties sharing valuable experiences. The Government of Uganda has consistently supported China’s One-China Principle, as well as peaceful measures to solve international conflict through the auspices of the United Nations.

This year, the NRM celebrates 36 years of economic transformation. The CPC leadership has galvanized the Chinese people to usher in a new age of development. Uganda and China will continue to work with peace-loving countries to promote the shared values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom. China has lifted nearly 100 million rural people out of poverty and met the target of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Uganda has attained middle-income status and continues to implement programmes for social-economic empowerment through wealth creation. China has attained rapid economic growth and long-term social stability to become the world’s second-largest economy, with a goal to build an advanced socialist state by the year 2050. China and Uganda have supported each other’s views on the international stage, reinforcing South-South solidarity and friendship and rejecting bullying.

Over the last 36 years, the NRM has guaranteed peace and stability and instituted poverty alleviation and wealth creation initiatives to improve household incomes. Uganda appreciates the role that China has played in Uganda’s economic development through funding and investment in industrial parks to encourage economic growth. Through the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), Uganda has benefited from China’s renewed focus on Africa as a reliable partner. China has been an active player in Uganda’s socio-economic transformation, helping to expand the stock of important infrastructure and public utilities, such as roads and hydropower dams.

With support from China, Uganda has built the 600MW Karuma Statement

Gen (Rtd) Jeje A. Odongo
Minister of Foreign Affairs - The Republic of Uganda

Uganda, China are true friends

It is my great pleasure to pay tribute to 60 years of the fraternal China-Uganda relations. The People’s Republic of China was among the first nations to recognise Uganda’s independence from Great Britain in October 1962. Since then, the two countries have maintained high-level ties and the economic relationship has only grown stronger. Uganda recognizes China’s support to African countries during the struggle for self-rule and its contribution toward economic liberation in Africa over the years.
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The 51.4km Kampala-Entebbe Expressway and expansion of the Entebbe International Airport are some of the recent flagship infrastructure projects supported by China. Currently, China is Uganda’s largest source of foreign direct investment and one of the largest trade partners, with bilateral trade volumes estimated at over US$900m by the end of 2020. Uganda will work more closely with China to implement the FOCAC cooperation plans that include: industrialization, agriculture modernization, infrastructure, financial services, green development, trade and investment facilitation, poverty reduction and public welfare, public health, people-to-people exchanges and peace and security.

Thousands of Ugandan students and officials have benefited from scholarships and training programmes every year to gain the knowledge and skills required for the country’s growth. Uganda has put in place measures to attract Chinese investment. Blessed with abundant natural and human resources and a huge market and development potential, Uganda is at a turning point. The government has instituted measures to accelerate its industrialization and modernization, in an attempt to achieve economic independence, self-reliance and sustainable development. China and Uganda have a bright future together. We look forward to a stronger partnership in infrastructure, human resources, food security, public health and pandemic prevention.

Gen (Rtd) Jeje A. Odongo
Minister of Foreign Affairs - The Republic of Uganda

Hon. Jeje Odongo (right), Minister of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Zhang Lizhong (left) at Ministry of Foreign Affairs office in Kampala in 2021. Hon. Jeje Odongo thanked the Chinese government for donating one million doses of Sinovac vaccines and over 50,000 units of testing kits to Uganda.

Hon. Okello Oryem, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and H.E. Zhang Lizhong at Ministry of Foreign Affairs office in Kampala in 2021.

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Counsellor Statement

Ms. Jiang Jiqing
Economic and Commercial Counsellor - Chinese Embassy in Uganda

China-Uganda economic cooperation bearing substantial fruits

Every time I read historical documents about the progress and achievements of the China-Uganda cooperation over the past 60 years, I am touched by the contributions and sacrifice made by those who paved ways for such long-term friendship and those who have supported the Ugandan people in their social and economic transformation.

The economic cooperation between China and Uganda has grown significantly because the two countries have enjoyed good diplomatic relations and shared aspirations during the last six decades. At the start of our diplomatic ties in 1962, trade volumes and economic exchanges between the two countries were very limited. By the end of 2021, bilateral trade volumes between China and Uganda had exceeded US$ 1.07 billion, with a marked 28.5% increase in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of December 2020, China’s direct investment in Uganda had grown to US$ 710 million. With funding support through the China Import and Export Bank, a number of major infrastructure projects have been completed, among them the Kampala - Entebbe Expressway, Isimba Hydropower Plant and the first phase of the upgrading and expansion of Entebbe International Airport. China has provided a substantial portfolio of economic assistance to Uganda’s development in form of grants, interest free and concessional loans.

China has supported Uganda’s development efforts in different sectors. 98% of Uganda’s goods are now allowed to enter the Chinese market duty and tariffs free. China also supports Uganda in promoting her products through platforms such as the China International Import Expo and the China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, so as to increase the export of Ugandan products to China.

The growth in investments by Chinese investors has made a great contribution to economic development in Uganda in the areas of infrastructure, manufacturing and industrialization, leading to expansion of Uganda’s foreign exchange, tax base, job creation and improved welfare for the locals.

China encourages companies to expand investment in Uganda and supports Uganda in localizing production. Already, many Chinese companies and nationals have set up businesses in industrial parks. Liao Shen Industrial Park managed by Zhang’s Group of China, has invested more than US$ 400 million, providing jobs to close to 20,000 Ugandans directly and indirectly.

China-Uganda Mbale Industrial Park has created more than 2000 jobs for the local community in the eastern district of Mbale and is expected to create over 15,000 jobs and draw over US$ 600 million in investment.

In the infrastructure sector, as of 2021, the newly-signed engineering contracts reached US$ 1.43 billion. In April this year, the newly constructed 10,000-square-meter cargo center of Entebbe International Airport was commissioned, providing access for Uganda’s fresh and prime agricultural produce to the world market.

Following its announcement of Final Investment Decision (FID) for the Albert Lake Oilfield Development Project in February 2022, CNOOC (China National Offshore Oil Cooperation) has now become the largest Chinese investment in Uganda with over US$ 4.7 billion. CNOOC Uganda is vigorously participating in helping Uganda establish a sound oil industry system, aiming to create more than 20,000 jobs for Uganda.

China and Uganda also maintain increasing people-to-people
exchanges in fields of health, education and human resources. Since 1983, China has sent 209 medical experts to Uganda and provided free treatment to millions of Ugandans. By the end of 2021, China had provided hundreds of degree scholarships and over 5,000 tailor-made training courses to Ugandans in areas of agriculture, medical care, public administration, computer science and infrastructure, among others.

In the fight against COVID-19, China donated over 1.6 million doses of vaccines and financial resources to the Government of Uganda to support the gradual reopening of the economy, with more to come.

Uganda is one of the first 30 countries in Africa under the China-aided Access to Satellite TV Project. The programme was initiated in July 2018 in Uganda, providing access to satellite service to 900 villages, covering 18,000 households and 2,700 public areas including schools, hospitals and churches. The total number of beneficiaries is estimated to be about one million.

As for digital transformation, Chinese company Huawei has been working with National Information Technology Authority of Uganda for more than 10 years since the National Backbone Infrastructure/e-Government Project started. Some 4,172km of backbone fibre cable has been rolled over in 62 districts to enable 1,400 ministries, agencies and local government to provide online services to the public.

In the energy sector, in addition to the construction of two hydropower stations, another Chinese firm, TEBA, is doing a commendable work under the Uganda Government rural electrification programme and is expected to connect more than 170,000 rural homes to the national grid.

Through the ongoing Phase III of the China-FAO South-South Cooperation Programme, at least 9,600 farmers will be reached to support their efforts in food and nutrition security in Uganda.

China is now Uganda’s biggest source of foreign direct investment and second-largest trade partner. Chinese companies are active players in Uganda’s construction, service and manufacturing industries and have made contribution to Uganda’s economic diversification.

With the implementation of the Nine Programmes announced by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Opening Ceremony of the 8th FOCAC Ministerial Conference in November 2021, more handy and practical projects will soon be delivered in Uganda such as bamboo processing, grass-based mushroom growing, green energy developing to improve the livelihood of Ugandan people.

I hope in the near future, more products with the brand “Made in Uganda” could appear more in the Chinese market.

It is important to note that while investing and operating in Uganda, the Chinese companies have been very active in performing their Cooperative Social Responsibilities (CSR).

This report collects some of the most touching stories of outstanding figures and heroes, who participated in the China-Uganda Cooperation Projects, particularly in fulfilling their social responsibilities. Through their stories, a snapshot has been provided in terms of immediate and long-term benefits of such cooperation at a personal, social and economic level.

As a witness at some of the hand-over ceremonies of schools, hospitals or water supply facilities, I am so proud of the efforts made by Chinese companies in improving the livelihood of the local Ugandan communities. This collection of individual stories and case studies is told by Ugandan people including project participants and local communities and reflect their hopes, aspirations and happiness.

At present, China-Uganda relations are at their best in history. Let us join hands and work even harder, to leverage our respective strengths in building an even closer China-Africa community with a shared future and to jointly promote the China-Uganda Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership to new heights!

Ms. Jiang Jiqing
Economic and Commercial Counsellor
Chinese Embassy in Uganda
On the 28th of September 2022, H.E. Zhang Lizhong hosted high profile delegation at the Chinese Embassy to celebrate the 73rd Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China and the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diplomatic Relations between China and Uganda. Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja was the Guest of Honour. Our camera crew followed this event.

Toasting for 73rd anniversary and 60 years of win-win cooperation.

H.E. Zhang Lizhong hands over a copy of SINOCHAM magazine to Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja and ICT State Minister, Joyce Ssebugwawo.

Chen Huixin of Chinese Embassy with a guest.

H.E. Zhang Lizhong witnessing Prime Minister Nabbanja cut the cake.

Mr. Zhang Hao, Chairman of Zhang's Group and Anthony Mula, Chairman China-Busoga Consortium.
L-R: Joseph Obwona, the Deputy Director Interpol, Joseph Zheng of CCCC and AIGP Grace Akullo, the former CID Director.

Mr. Wang Wentong of Tian Tang Group with other invited guests.
China and Uganda celebrate six decades of true friendship

The People’s Republic of China was one of the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with Uganda, only nine days after Uganda got independence. Since then, the two sister countries have enjoyed fruitful cooperation in the areas of health, education, cultural exchanges, grants and infrastructure development, among others. The Editorial team interviewed the Chinese Ambassador to Uganda, H.E. Zhang Lizhong, who explained the benefits of this cooperation. Below are excerpts from the interview:

What are your impressions of the relationship between China and Uganda today?
The year 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Uganda which established their relations on 18th October 1962, just nine days after Uganda gained independence.

Over the past 60 years, China and Uganda have forged unbreakable fraternity through our struggle against imperialism and colonialism and embarked on a distinct path of cooperation in our journey towards development and revitalization.

Together, we have written a splendid chapter of mutual assistance amid complex changes and set a good example for building an even stronger China-Africa community of shared future in the New Era.

As a Chinese saying goes, amity between the peoples holds the key to state-to-state relations. Sixty years of friendship is testimony that China and Uganda are good comrades, good friends, good partners and good brothers.

Since bilateral relations between our two countries were elevated to the level of a Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership three years ago in late June 2019, our two peoples have witnessed political mutual trust growing, our pragmatic cooperation in all fields delivering fruitful outcomes, our coordination and collaboration in international and regional affairs being strengthened and increasingly tangible benefits being brought to our countries and peoples.

Every time I reflect on the history of China-Uganda diplomatic relations, I am always inspired by the brotherhood nurtured by our statesmen and peoples. I am happy to say that today our bilateral relations are at their best in history. I call upon the peoples of Uganda and China to forge ahead to fulfill consensus of both our national leaders and work together to open a new chapter of friendship, cooperation and brotherhood in the next six decades and more.
What are some of the major gains in the China-Uganda friendship over the last 60 years, especially in recent years?

In recent years, thrust by the momentum of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), the practical cooperation is delivering more and more tangible benefits to our peoples, contributing to the socio-economic transformation of Uganda.

The Kampala-Entebbe Expressway, the Isimba Hydropower Plant and other major infrastructure projects have been commissioned, several industrial parks with Chinese investments are operating vigorously despite the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges, contributing to the industrialization, skilling and job creation efforts of Uganda.

The Karuma Hydropower Plant and the reconstruction and expansion of Entebbe Airport are all well in progress in their final stages and investment of US$ 4.7 billion by CNOOC in the field of Uganda’s oil exploration industry is being implemented, as a bigger picture of our practical cooperation commences to unfold in 2022. In the fight against COVID-19, the two countries have supported each other and the Chinese Government has provided three batches of preventive and medical materials as well as 1.6 million doses of vaccines to Uganda. The two countries are working closely to implement more Chinese vaccine donations to Uganda.

Cultural and people-to-people exchanges and cooperation between the two countries has been increasing. By the end of 2021, China has provided scores of degree scholarships and over 5,000 short-term training opportunities for Ugandan talents, covering fields such as agriculture, medical care, public administration, computer science and infrastructure.

What have been the major benefits for Africa, especially Uganda and China, from FOCAC?

The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) is an important platform for China and African countries to hold dialogues between governments, scholars, think tanks and enterprises.

President Yoweri K. Museveni attended the Beijing Summit of the FOCAC in 2018. In 2021, Hon. Abubakar Jeje Odongo, the Ugandan Foreign Minister, participated in the 8th FOCAC Ministerial Conference and held a bilateral meeting with Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

The two ministers exchanged views on strengthening bilateral alignment and jointly implementing the Nine Programmes announced by President Xi Jinping of China at the opening ceremony of the 8th FOCAC Ministerial Conference. This year marks the first year for implementation of the Nine Programmes and many are keen to learn if there are some early harvests for our two countries and peoples.

Under the medical and healthcare programme, China donated a third batch of 600,000 doses of Sinovac Vaccines to Uganda on 20th December 2021 and the two sides are working closely to deliver five million more doses of vaccines. The Embassy has also been working with Ugandan ministries, including the Ministry of Finance, Planning.
and Economic Development and the Ministry of Health, on the preparation for the feasibility study of the Rehabilitation and Upgrading Project of China-Uganda Friendship Hospital in Naguru.

The plan is to transform the facility from a regional hospital into a national trauma treatment center. Apart from that, China also dispatched the 22nd Medical Team to Kampala on 10th June 2022 and the medics started working with their counterparts at the China-Uganda Friendship Hospital immediately after a short one-week handover from the previous medical team.

Under the poverty reduction and agricultural development programme, we have the Rice Farming and Processing Machinery Project for Butaleja District Local Government, which will provide the district with processing machinery and equipment for rice and maize farming, including tractors, trailers, row planters, suspended boom sprayers, combine harvesters, rice grinding systems, corn processing systems and corn threshers.

The two governments are exchanging details on specific technical details of these machines. There is also the ongoing Phase III of the China-FAO SSC Programme that seeks to further advance appropriate and effective agricultural technologies and varieties to support food and nutrition security in Uganda. China has donated US$ 2.39 million for implementation of Phase III of the programme and has dispatched 9 Chinese experts and technicians to work in Uganda. The support will directly reach a minimum of 9,600 farmers, of whom at least 30 percent will be women, as well as provide training for 200 Ugandan technical officers.

This is to name but a few early fruits of the Nine Programmes in Uganda.

Looking forward, China will focus more on launching handy and practical technology projects with fast and remarkable effects on people’s livelihood in Uganda.

In time and with our joint efforts, we will see more of our planned projects in areas such as bamboo processing, grass-based mushroom growing, green energy developing, ICT infrastructure and capacity building come into reality and contribute to Uganda’s poverty alleviation course.

Some Western leaders have pledged to increase support to Africa to compete with China for influence. Is China worried about this?

China is open to and welcomes international development partners to cooperate with Africa and boost growth on the continent. One principal is that one’s cooperation with Africa shall not be aimed at expelling or diminishing the others’.

Africa is a continent for cooperation between African countries and development partners, rather than power games between big
countries. We sincerely hope the cooperation between Africa and other countries could bring real benefits to the African people.

What measures can Uganda put in place to attract more Chinese investments?
Uganda is already doing a lot in attracting Chinese investment. Looking ahead, China hopes that Uganda will further facilitate the investment of Chinese enterprises in Uganda, ensure the stability and accessibility of policies, provide an enabling environment and sound conditions to work and live here, strengthen the protection of their legitimate rights and safety of Chinese citizens.

Industrial parks by Chinese companies in Uganda have become a highlight of the economic and trade cooperation between the two countries. We would be glad to see if the Ugandan government could put in place preferential policies on land, water and electricity charges, infrastructure and other aspects of industrial parks.

Looking forward, China will focus more on launching handy and practical technology projects with fast and remarkable effects on people’s livelihood in Uganda.

What are some of the planned areas of cooperation between China and Uganda in the future?
On 29 November 2021, President Xi Jinping attended the Opening Ceremony of the 8th Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC in Dakar, Senegal and delivered an important speech.

In his speech, President Xi Jinping announced a series of new cooperation, including the Nine Programmes on health, poverty reduction and agriculture, trade promotion, investment promotion, digital innovation, green development, capacity building, cultural and people-to-people exchange, as well as peace and security.

Currently, we are actively communicating with relevant Ugandan ministries and departments to jointly implement the Nine Programmes in Uganda, which focus on medical and health cooperation, poverty reduction and agriculture, trade promotion, ICT infrastructure construction, personnel training, among others.
Right from the moment H.E. Zhang Lizhong was posted to Uganda in June, 2021, he did not wait to acclimatize to the weather or the customs of Uganda. The envoy came at the time when Uganda was battling COVID-19 pandemic. Ambassador Lizhong joined the fight by lobbying for support from the Chinese Government to Uganda. He also immersed himself in activities of the China-Uganda friendship, including meeting different top government officials, political leaders; supervising different Chinese projects across the country and providing humanitarian assistance to communities. This magazine followed the ambassador’s various official activities and captured some of the events.
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)
Health

Beyond the trade and investment portfolios, Chinese firms have made a big contribution to the welfare of Ugandans and built long-lasting relationships through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities that have remarkably improved the quality of local community services.

Sinocham on Health services

Health is a very fundamental aspect of life, but Uganda, like most African countries, faces severe challenges in the provision of services in the health sector. With the partnership of various Chinese companies engaged in different business activities mainly project contracting, petroleum, ICT, pharmaceuticals, real estate, manufacturing, consulting, warehousing, logistics, hotels and travel services, large gaps have been covered through their CSR activities.
As a way of boosting medical services in Uganda, many medical professionals from Yunnan have travelled to Uganda, fully committing to the frontline of clinical practice with their Ugandan counterparts. They have brought forth China’s advanced medical technology and concepts, while continuously assisting their Ugandan counterparts to improve their medical skills. Their dedication and effort have effectively promoted the progress and development of medical services in Uganda. Since 1983, China has sent 209 medical experts in 22 batches to Uganda and provided free treatment to millions of Ugandans.
China-Uganda cooperation in medical services

According to Dr. Guo Zhiping a team leader of 22nd Chinese Medical Doctors, their services have fully demonstrated the Chinese selflessness to “pass on experiences” to Ugandan professionals.

The expatriate Chinese medical specialists are deployed at the request of the China-Uganda Friendship Hospital, aiming to support their service provision capacity.

The specialties in the team include gastroenterology, general surgery, urology, anesthesiology, otolaryngology, infectious diseases and acupuncture of traditional Chinese medicine.

The team has also always worked with SINOCHAM and other Chinese companies to render medical services to areas that they operate in, for example, CCCC, Sinohydro and CNOOC.
COVID-19 interventions

In fulfilling its Corporate Social Responsibility, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chinese Medical Team helped China-Uganda Friendship Hospital to develop a closed-loop patients’ management model for confirmed cases to avoid its spread in the hospital.

Several SINOCHAM member companies came in handy to support the Government and the people of Uganda in fighting the pandemic. These companies provided support in form of cash, face masks, alcohol sanitizers and other anti-COVID-19 materials to government entities and communities.

Almost all SINOCHAM member companies in one way or the other contributed to this cause. The companies supplemented the support provided by the Government of China to the Government of Uganda.

CRSG Supported UNRA in the fight against COVID-19.

CCECC staff deliver COVID-19 food relief items to Bukedea District task force led by the District Health Officer

CRSG hands over PPEs to support Arua District in the fight against COVID-19.
Former Prime Minister Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda receives a donation of face masks from Giant Uganda Representatives. In 2020, Giant Uganda donated 100,000 face masks to the Office of the Prime Minister to help in the fight against COVID-19.

UNRA representative receives mattresses and other PPEs from CCC staff, to support COVID-19 front-line workers, on the 6th April, 2020.

Kampala Capital City Authority officials led by Lord Mayor Erias Lukwago and Mrs. Dorothy Kisaka, KCCA Executive Director receive a donation of COVID-19 Personal Protection Supplies from Joseph Zheng of CCCC.

CRSG supported Kikuube district in the fight against COVID-19. This was in response to the government appeal to support front-line workers.

Sinohydro Corporation Ltd donates Sh50 Million to support Uganda Ministry of Health in the fight against COVID-19, on 8th April 2020.

Huawei staff hands over sanitizers for the prevention of COVID-19 to medical staff in 2021.
Diagnosis and Treatment

Since 2014, the Chinese Medical Team, in conjunction with the China Chamber of Commerce, have been providing free diagnosis and treatment for common diseases.

They also carry out health education on HIV/AIDS as well as other infectious diseases and psychological counseling. Sometimes, they conduct outreach activities, such as free clinics in the communities and corporate organizations.

Chinese companies such as CCCC, CNOOC and Sinohydro in fulfillment of their commitment to corporate social responsibility, have been organizing free HIV/AIDS awareness, counseling and testing camps, distributed health supplies.

Other companies that have been active in conducting HIV/AIDS awareness and health promotion among the communities include TBEA and CICO.

A Chinese Medical Doctor and a Ugandan colleague examine a patient during a medical camp organized by CCCC at Karuguza Church Grounds, Kibale District in September 2016. Over 600 people benefited from the medical camp.
Dr. Li Xia, a doctor from the infectious disease department of the 20th Chinese Medical Team, gives free medical advise to Ugandan patients.

Tian Tang Group donates a cheque to UMC Victoria Hospital to treat children with Hydrocephalus diseases.

Mr Zhang Hao hands over an Ultra-Sound scanner to the Ministry of Health team led by Hon. Margaret Muhanga, State Minister of Health.

CNOOC Uganda Limited has been promoting HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment for residents around the Kingfisher project for many years.

Chinese doctors with their Ugandan counterparts attend to patients at a free medical camp in Hoima.

TBEA conducted HIV/AIDS awareness and testing in Bushenyi District.

Dr. Li Xia, a doctor from the infectious disease department of the 20th Chinese Medical Team, gives free medical advise to Ugandan patients.
Education & Sports

It is exactly 36 years since the Chinese Government embarked on the journey to support Ugandan education in scholarships. At the moment, Uganda boasts of more than 1,000 beneficiaries of these scholarships, mainly in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).
In 2019, China announced that it had set aside 99 scholarships for Ugandan students to study in higher institutions of learning in China. The Chinese government has extended over 1,200 short term training opportunities and over 250 scholarships to Ugandan students over the last three years. More and more Ugandan students have been going to China for further studies on Chinese Government scholarships. The courses include medicine, construction, engineering, food science, computer science, information technology and education etc. Thirty-five scholarships are provided to Ugandan students every year. Several Ugandan teachers and experts have been invited to participate in training for human resources development in China.

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Scholarships

CCCC, CNOOC Uganda Limited and Huawei Technologies in their support to the education sector in Uganda, have given back to society through education scholarships.

CNOOC through the International Scholarship scheme, facilitated students to undertake undergraduate and master studies in geosciences in universities in China. So far, eight students have benefited.

The Huawei Seeds for the Future Programme and the Future Internship Programme have opened doors for Ugandans to acquire hands-on training in areas of application and software, transmission, datacom, core network, wireless, radio frequency and device business.

Since 2012, CNOOC Uganda Ltd launched and has continuously held the “Best Performers Award” Program in Hoima District, aimed at motivating primary school pupils and secondary school students read to attain better grades at the national examinable levels.

Statistics presented by the Hoima District Education Office indicated an improvement of over 300% in the grades at all levels unprecedented and only attributable to the Awards.
Beneficiaries of Chinese Scholarships speak out

**Mbangaye Lamech**

CNOOC Uganda Ltd. sponsored Lamech Mbangaye a local student who graduated from the Makerere college school, to study in China University of Petroleum (East China) through its International Scholarships Program and now he is an excellent drilling engineer in the company, who won first prize in the CNOOC Uganda Limited Speech competition & Champion of Asia-Pacific Regional qualifiers for the 2018 international Petro bowl petroleum knowledge and skills challenge. In an interview, he was so proud to say,

“My work is going to contribute to this project, my long-term target is to become a competent drilling professional in the industry, someone who can bring value to every project, who can lead a project competently, and who can be trusted to handle this very expensive project in the oil and gas industry.”

**CNOOC International scholarship program**

CNOOC has been implementing the International scholarship program in Uganda since 2014. At present, 8 local students have been sponsored to study at China University of Petroleum (East China) Qingdao Campus and now all of them have returned to Uganda to join the construction of petroleum industry.

Four students sponsored by CNOOC Uganda Ltd, including Lamech Mbangaye, had their internships in China.
Arthur Brian Mulongo

My name is Arthur Brian Mulongo. I am a civil engineer working with China Railway 7th Group, after studying civil engineering in the city of Wuhan in China. I was fortunate to get the scholarship to study at the China University of Geosciences.

I handle technical aspects, including drafting using Autocad; construction drawings and holding technical meetings with consultants’ team. The nature of this project is design and build. I am part of the design team. Unlike other fields, civil engineering is always evolving; there are always new construction materials, construction methods and new research. I have learnt so much about the technology aspect.

Evelyn Atukunda

I am Evelyn Atukunda, a 23 year old graduand. I completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture this year, 2022. I am one of the beneficiaries of the Chinese scholarships at Makerere University. Being an orphan, my education journey has not been an easy one, studying through the support of well-wishers and through scholarships such as BRAC- Mastercard Foundation programme.

In 2018, after my Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education, I applied for a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Degree at Makerere University, and I was admitted. However, I did not have money or any source to finance my education.

While at the university, I saw a post on the noticeboard about the Chinese scholarships. I applied and I was one of the successful students eligible for the fully paid scholarship. I am now looking forward to graduating on January 6, 2023. My plans are to further my studies by enrolling for a Masters’ Degree in Agricultural Economics, if I get another scholarship.

Representatives of CCCC staff together with some pupils who won CCCC Scholarship 2017
Faith Gabona

I am Faith Gabona, a Ugandan and the current President of CAAU (China Alumni Association in Uganda). I did my Bachelor’s Degree in Development Economics at Makerere University.

In 2009 I got a scholarship through the Ministry of Education and Sports, to go and pursue a Masters’ Degree in International Economics in China. I was so excited and happy. We landed in Beijing at night and we were warmly welcomed by the then Uganda Ambassador to China, H.E. Charles Wagidoso.

The next day, we were all taken to our respective cities. I was among the group of five (two girls and three boys) who went to Shanghai.

We settled in and started the Chinese language classes, went to Shanghai city, a very beautiful multicultural place teeming with people of different races. It was fun being in China, seeing a beautiful mix of different kinds of people, including Europeans, Africans and Arabs.

The challenge I faced at first was the Chinese food made with pepper and the use of chopsticks. I could not imagine using two sticks to eat rice, but later I got accustomed to both.

Studying in China enabled me to obtain both a Masters’ Degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in international economics and trade on completion of the programme.

I am currently lecturing at Makerere University Business School.

About CAAU

The China Alumni Association in Uganda (CAAU) is a body comprising of former Ugandan students who have ever studied in China. Anyone who did an educational programme whether short-term or long-term training in China qualifies to be part of the alumni association.

The association so far has over 300 registered members on the platform, although we are supposed to be more than a thousand members. Part of the long term strategy includes identifying and growing our membership. China has been giving out scholarship opportunities to Ugandans for many years dating as far back as the early 1980s in different fields such as medicine, education, engineering, political economics and vocational programmes. We have benefitted a lot in terms of education and training from China.

The beneficiaries of the scholarships return home to give the acquired knowledge to the country. We have many alumni placed in institutions, including Parliament, the academia, hospitals, law firms, courts of law or Police, mention them.

The association was mainly formed to bridge the gap between Chinese communities in Uganda and ordinary Ugandans. As alumni, we are supposed to be Chinese ambassadors since we have lived there, interacted with the Chinese and we know their culture. We can show our people that we can live and work with the Chinese very well and benefit from their modern skills in different areas.

The association has so far done quite a lot during its short life. We organize expos where the Chinese business community would display some of their products and participate in activities with Ugandans. We have held career guidance sessions to talk to students about education in China and its benefits.

The association is also in direct contact with the Uganda Students Association in China (USAC) and provide mentorship to some of the students who are going to China and continue following up on them while they are in China. The association promotes a good relationship between Uganda and China because the two countries share some similarities in terms of culture, food, sports, arts and music.

As members of the Chinese alumni association in Uganda, we have started benefitting through the Chinese embassy giving scholarships to members of the alumni who had done their bachelors degrees to go and upgrade for masters and doctorates.
School construction support

China International Water and Electric Corporation (CWE), re-built Mbulamuti Primary School in Kamuli district. CCCC built a walkway at St. Mary’s College, Kisubi, while China Railway 18th Group renovated classroom blocks at Buwerero Primary School in Busia district. Sinohydro also helped to build and renovate schools in Karuma.

Chinese Embassy Officials together with Makerere University staff and students during handover ceremony of the renovation works of the Confucius Institute in November 8, 2022, supported by Sinocham.

Sinohydro Corporation Ltd donated sh7.3 Million to support Akello Angella’s education, in March 2018

Luyanzi College students dance outside the newly constructed basketball court, during the handover ceremony by sponsors, Sinocham.

Deputy project manager Mr. Qiu Wen and Buwerero Primary School headmaster at the handover ceremony of the renovated classrooms.
Scholastic materials

The Ministry of Education of China recently donated 50 computers to set up computer labs at Makerere University and Mbarara University of Science & Technology, respectively. The Chinese have promoted primary education in Uganda through construction of classroom blocks and donation of educational equipment such as computers to various schools.

SINOCHAM and individual member companies have actively participated in giving back to the communities through the provision of scholastic materials such as mathematical sets, books, pens, uniforms, school bags and text books. Some of the companies include CCCC, CNOOC, Sinohydro, CWE, Huawei Technologies, Zhang’s Group and China Railway Seventh Group. Through the Uganda rural electrification project, TBEA donated desks, footballs and stationery to specific schools.

Kampala School for Physically Handicapped receives an assortment of donations from CRSG.

CWE supported Nakakandwa RC Primary School with various scholastic items.

Participants at a fundraising event organised by CICO-IGF for the construction of a public library in Kampala.

CBMI Construction Uganda Company donated pens and note books in Tororo.
Project manager Wan Longgeng shakes hands with the headmaster at the handover of a donation of scholastic materials.

CRSG hands over scholastic materials.

Pupils of Kisubi Family Primary School celebrate the donation of desks from CRSG.

CCCC donates school supplies to a local Primary School.

CNOOC donated quilts, food and other daily necessities to primary school in communities around the Kingfisher project.

Students of Luyanzi College sing during a donation ceremony of Scholastic materials at their school in Bweyogerere in Kampala.
Industrial Skilling

The Industrial Skill Training and Production Centre at Namanve sits on a 15-acre plot inside the Kampala Industrial and Business Park (KIBP). The Industrial Skill Training and Production Centre was established with a US$ 30 million grant from the People's Republic of China. The facility is projected to introduce modern machining and manufacturing methods while providing integrated specialized skills training for Uganda’s technicians and engineers.
H.E. Zhang Lizhong and CNOOC Uganda Ltd President, Mr. Chen Zhuobiao, meets trainees undergoing the CNOOC Uganda Ltd Heavy Goods Vehicle training programme. The students were trained and helped to get relevant classes of driving skills.

Learning Chinese language on Urban TV Award Winners in 2019. The event was sponsored by the Chinese Embassy, Sinocham and Urban TV.

Workers attend training to improve skills and capacity building at the CCECC main camp.

President Yoweri K. Museveni, Chinese Chargé d'affaires a. i. Chen Huixin and other dignitaries during the official opening ceremony of the China-Aided Industrial Skills Training Centre at Namanve in January 2020.

Sinohydro workers after a skilling session. The construction of the dam created many job opportunities for Ugandan youth and impacted many with modern skills.

Young women learn tailoring during a skilling programme sponsored by CNOOC.
Marathon support

“All work and no play make Jack a dull boy,” so goes the saying. To provide recreational activities for their employees and the surrounding communities, Chinese companies have generously contributed balls and other sports equipment to facilitate sports and games.

SINOCHAM has funded the Entebbe Sinocham Marathon since 2017 and 2018, helping to raise funds for social causes while promoting community participation and significant contribution to the growth of the China-Uganda friendship over the years.

China Railway Seventh Group Co., Ltd has donated to the Kisubi Family Primary School, sponsored the Wild Run Marathon in Kamwenge district.

CCCC injected millions of shillings into preparatory activities for the first Entebbe Sinocham Marathon in 2017 and 2018.

CBMI Construction Uganda Company actively fulfilled its social responsibilities, by donating supplies for cultural and sports activities to Tororo Mile five schools.

CRSG in conjunction with Uganda Wildlife Authority organised a Wild Run Marathon in Kamwenge in 2017

The then Chinese Ambassador Zheng Zhuqiang hands over a dummy cheque to the winner of the Wuhan Marathon 2017 at the Mayor’s Gardens Entebbe.

Participants at the Entebbe Sinocham Marathon 2019 organized by SINOCHAM in conjunction with Entebbe Municipal Council. The event attracted over 1500 people.
**Support to Football game**

*Mandela National Stadium at Namboole, named after former South African President and anti-apartheid icon, H.E. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, was built with a grant of US$ 36 million from the People’s Republic of China.*

With a sitting capacity of 45,202 people, the stadium was handed over to the Government of Uganda in February 1997. The accessory constructions include a hotel of 120 beds, two outdoor tennis courts, two volleyball training grounds, two basketball training grounds and one football training ground.

SINOCHAM and other companies such as CNOOC, CCCC, CR18EC, CR3 and Huawei have also supported football in Uganda.

*Sports equipment donation to the various football and netball teams in the villages by CNOOC Uganda Limited.*

CNOOC contributed around US$ 32,000 towards the CNOOC Amasaza Cup to support preparations, buying of footballs, jerseys and trophies for the winners in Bunyoro.
Donating sports equipment to Muterere Primary School in Bugiri District.

Political Counsellor Mr. Chen Huixin awards medals to winners of Badminton competition at Lugogo in September 2019.

Football players pose for a group photo after receiving balls from the China Railway 18 Group in 2018.

CNOOC has held the CNOOC Cup football tournament in Uganda for many years, inviting more than 10 teams from 7 communities in Bunyoro region to compete together.

A little boy was excited watching a staff football match organised by CNOOC.

ZTE football team that participated in 2018 Sinocham tournament at MUBS.
Dragon Boat Festival

SINOCHAM has funded the Dragon Boat Festival and Entebbe Sinocham Marathon since 2017 to raise funds for social causes and promote community participation. The Dragon Boat Festival has emerged as a landmark cultural friendship sport supported by the Chamber to promote hard work and team spirit. Supporters and spectators all enjoy the race. The dragon boat race is about passion, strength, friendship, culture and diversity.
Support to Communities

Some of the activities that the Chinese firms give priority to in the areas they operate in are working together and supporting communities:
Food, housing and household donations

China Communications Construction Company’s (CCCC) and the Fuqing Association of Uganda recently handed over food items to support elderly people battling starvation in Karamoja. CCCC, on a regular basis, supports the welfare of 900 children at the SOS Children’s Village in Entebbe with food and scholastic material. Huawei technologies, CCECC, CNOOC, CICO and Sinohydro have supported communities in different parts of Uganda with food items during natural disasters.

Hon. Peter Lokeris, Minister of State for Energy (Centre), Mr. Ma Peixin, Vice President of CNOOC Uganda Limited (3rd left), PAU representatives and JV partners cut the ribbon during the launch of resettlement houses for project affected persons.

Huawei Team handed over a food donation to Karamoja Region through the First Lady and Minister of Education & Sports, Hon. Janet K. Museveni.

CCCC staff donates food items to SOS Children’s Village - Entebbe in 2020.

H.E. Zhang Lizhong hands over 20 motorcycles to Uganda Police Force in 2021. Receiving is former AIGP Asan Kasingye. The handover was witnessed by Sinocham and Chinese Union of Uganda members.
Project manager Wan Longgeng hands over scholastic materials in 2018.

A lady smiles in her poultry farm after receiving support from CNOOC to start poultry business.

Mr. Zhang Zhigang (right), Chairman of Tian Tang Group, donates mattresses worth Ugx 10,000,000 to St. Immaculate Church, Kitakuta Parish in 2019.

H.E. Zhang Lizhong, StarTimes CEO Mr. Franklin Wang and Ugandan officials take a group photo at the ceremony.

Food Donation on Eid al-Fitr by Sinohydro.

CCECC hands over rice donation to local residents at Mpigi District Headquarters.
Provision of Safe drinking water

“Water is life”, so goes the saying. The shortage of water in most parts of Uganda has affected livelihood of many societies. In a bid to alleviate the water scarcity problem, Chinese firms have been very supportive in the sinking and renovation of boreholes, protection of spring wells and use of trucks to supply water to communities freely. Some of these firms have also helped the Office of the Prime Minister and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to construct water sources in refugee camps in Uganda.
Community Road Repairs

*CCC repaired and tarmacked major roads in Kakungulu Estate, Kitende, Wakiso district and a community road leading to St. Mary’s College Kisubi.*

- China International Water and Electric Corporation (CWE) conducted road maintenance of the 8km Nampanyi–Nakakandwa road
- China Railway Seventh Group Co., Ltd repaired the Access Road for communities.
- China Railway No.3 Engineering helped the local residents to repair some of community roads during the construction of Kanoni-Sembabule-Villa Maria Road.
- China Railway 18th Group (CR18G) improved the communities’ access roads covering over 20km in Busia district.
- **SINOHYDRO** helped in the renovation and road construction of the community roads in Karuma and Masindi.
- **CICO** built highway bus and taxi shades along Fort Portal-Bundibugyo-Lamia and Matugga-Semuto-Kapeeka Roads outside contract specifications.
- CCECC widened the footpath of 3km road to the dump site linking Bjuuko to Galatiya villages in Mpiji district, while China Railway No.3 Engineering Group also levelled the Bukandula School ground in Sembabule District.
EMPLOYMENT
Employment

As Uganda struggles with the dilemma of the skyrocketing number of unemployed youth, the solution according to government lies in industrialization which is expected to create jobs to absorb the young people.

The Chinese companies are mainly coming along these lines and have so far been absorbing both skilled and unskilled youth to work in the various projects across the country. Hiring of local employees is part of the strategy of the Chinese companies in their overseas projects. It is estimated that currently, Ugandans constitute about 85% of the employees in the Chinese firms operating in the country.

In hiring local employees, Ugandans have benefited from professional talent nurturing in various industries, through sharing high quality vocational skills. Many locals have risen through the ranks in employment from casual to managerial positions, while the unskilled have gone through skilling schemes and have been certified upon going through the training.

This has boosted the incomes of the employees and also enabled some of them to get self-employed upon expiry of the contracts by Chinese firms they worked with.

Such areas of employment for Ugandans include positions such as engineers, fore-men, designers, surveyors and administrators, procurement officers and drivers among others.

As part of the commitment to Local Content efforts, CNOOC intends to promote Uganda National and Community Content efforts which are aimed at promoting and maximizing of value-addition and job creation through the use of local expertise, goods and services, business in the oil and gas value chain and their retention in the country through education, skills transfer and expertise development. The project will create 20,000 local jobs during Construction and Production.
Sinocham awards excellent Ugandan employees in different departments.

CCECC employees at Mpigi-Busega Expressway.

CCCC regularly awards excellent employees.
Ugandan employees sew mattress covers for export at Tian Tang Group in Mukono.

Ugandan workers at Isimba Hydropower Dam.

StarTimes Uganda employees install a free satellite dish.

TBEA engineers install and commissioning a transformer.

China Star Construction Africa Co Ltd employees at the factory in Seeta, Mukono District.
Employees’ Testimonies

Sinocham members have created tens of thousands of job opportunities to Ugandans in different fields. The editorial team visited some of these companies and interacted with Ugandan employees to find out how they feel working with the Chinese companies and the benefits. Here are brief testimonies by the workers.
My name is Fouziya Mukyala Sooma and I am the Public Relations (PR) Manager at Huawei Uganda.

I graduated in Law, at Nottingham University, UK when I then proceeded to do a Master’s in Law and Legal Practice at the University of Law in London where I also completed my solicitor’s practicing course. Over the years, I have obtained various certifications from different trainings and courses hence nurturing me for my future as time goes by.

I joined Huawei in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

My experience as a lawyer has been very essential to me as the PR for Huawei Uganda. I believe the legal aspect has contributed a lot to my work.

I am usually the first point of contact for the media to speak etc. in case of any questions with regards to Huawei Uganda. I take full responsibility for creating, planning and executing PR strategies in order to maintain and enhance the perception of the company to various internal and external audiences. I develop and support PR activities, interviews and other media activities to improve Huawei’s reputation and brand image in Uganda.

I am both Ugandan and Chinese. My father is from Busoga, Kaliro District and my mother is Chinese from Beijing which is a very interesting blend of cultures because I have grown up having a mix of everything and understanding both cultures and languages. This has also helped me a lot in my work environment because I understand how to blend in with my Chinese counterparts and my Ugandan colleagues. I speak over five different languages. I am a proud Ugandan at heart and a proud Chinese at heart too for I love both countries with one big heart. Honestly, I would not be comfortable hearing any negative propaganda about China or Uganda because I have blood from both sides. This year, we celebrated Uganda at 60 years and also celebrated 60 years of the great relationship between The People’s Republic of China and The Republic of Uganda. I am proud to say Uganda and China have great blood relations as well among the people (myself as an example). I believe the two countries will learn more and have greater partnerships and unity with each other forever. From the Chinese, I have learnt a lot but mostly to deliver and think ahead of time.

Together, we can succeed (我们可以一起成功, wǒ men kě yǐ yì qǐ chéng gōng)
Andrew Mbigiti
My name is Andrew Mbigiti, the media and publicity supervisor at CNOOC Uganda Limited. I have worked with CNOOC Uganda Limited for seven months now. I am a master’s graduate of Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering.

I joined CNOOC Uganda Limited in February. I applied for the Media and Publicity supervisor job, even when I did not have a Degree in communications or journalism but perhaps my experience at my former workplace helped me pass the interview. My knowledge of oil and gas engineering definitely helps me navigate the different aspects of the industry while doing media and publicity but most definitely I have had a lot to learn from my senior colleagues, especially my manager. It has been an interesting and fulfilling journey.

Gerald Oola
I am Gerald Oola, a solutions manager at Huawei. My journey began in 2018 when I enrolled in the Seeds for the Future programme. This initiative seeks to cultivate qualified, local ICT talent, improve knowledge transfer and build bridges across nations and cultures. University students are tasked with producing a proposal on how to enhance one of the selected theme areas. The top 10 students were picked and I was fortunate to be one of them.

I joined under one of the big network projects as an intern and slowly climbed through the ranks to the solutions manager level. I excelled and was pushed to the solutions manager position, where I suggest or recommend solutions to customers’ problems. I also got the Huawei instructor certificate. At Huawei, you are always offered opportunities for growth. Your growth is only limited by your capabilities and your mindset.

Charles Lubowa
I am Charles Lubowa, the head of the human resource at Tian Tang Group. I joined the Group in March 2018.

I did my Bachelor’s Degree in Social Sciences in 2000 and a Master’s in Human Resource Management in 2010, both at Makerere University.

At Tian Tang, we employ everybody from zero skills and you learn on the job. That is the best thing with the Chinese. You may come with all your qualifications but they prefer skills to qualifications and the technical people are there to enhance the skills of the locals.

“I hope many of these young men will use those skills to go and start their own businesses,” he says.
Irene Nanyonjo

I am Irene Nanyonjo, the personal assistant to deputy general manager. I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Makerere University. I had just finished S6 and in my vacation when I joined Tian Tang Group as a receptionist and I worked for three years before joining the finance and administration department and now personal assistant to the general manager. I have been part of this Group since 2013. Working with the Chinese is challenging but highly rewarding because if you work with a company that does not challenge you to do better, it is impossible for you to grow personally. I have gained multiple skills like management and communication skills. I have mastered the art of communication because I deal with different people and organizations. I am also a very good negotiator.

Ivan Simon Kakembo

I am Ivan Simon Kakembo, the head of marketing at Hisense. I have worked at Hisense since 2016. I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Relations (PR) from Uganda Christian University (UCU).

Working with the Chinese is not too challenging because when you are equipped with skills and knowledge, you learn their pace. I know they are really fast and once you learn that, you will always stay. And when you have the experience and knowledge, they do listen to you.

I have moved up the ladder through training because I have had a look at what they do and how they approach the market. They trained me on how they apply that knowledge.

Jackline Twinamatsiko

Upon graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration (BBA), Jackline Twinamatsiko joined CICO in 2013 as an accountant.

“It has been a good experience. I have gained enough people skills and experience and that is what it majorly takes to manage business,” Twinamastiko says.

“After my work with CICO, I think I will just be self-employed. The world out there is tricky and I know business is tricky especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, but, once your mind is set on it, you can take it on,” she adds.
Jerry Halera

I am Jerry Halera, a civil engineer. I have been working with Sinohydro Corporation Ltd for about two-and-a-half years. I joined the company during my Masters’ Degree at Makerere University. There was an opening at Sinohydro Corporation Ltd and due to my good relationship with my lecturer, I was recommended for the position.

I joined the Contracts Department. I have since attained training in contract preparations, contract administration, tendering processes and BOQ valuation. After this project, I hope to establish a consultancy firm in contract management. The working environment is conducive. We work as a team. I am grateful for this opportunity.

Margaret Najuuko

Margaret Najuuko, a secretary at Isimba Hydropower project Kampala office, joined in 2017 after graduating with a Diploma in Business Administration (accounting and finance).

“I have acquired so many skills because they give us several training opportunities,” she says.

Najuuko is grateful for the good terms of employment. “For example, when COVID-19 struck in 2019, we were paid salaries for two good years without working.” Najuuko says.

“I have also acquired a number of skills; if you don’t know something, there is always someone able to help and guide you. Actually, working here is like home away from home.”

Mollen Tushabe

My name is Mollen Tushabe, I work in the Human Resources Department at China Railway 7th Group. I have worked for the company for the last five years, starting as an Administrative Assistant after completing a secretarial studies course at Ibanda Vocational Institute.

The Chinese are friendly and the working environment is really good. I have not encountered any challenge. I am happy to be part of the company’s growth.

Working with the company has given me a good start in life. I invested my salary in a piece of land and I now have a poultry business.
Ritah Nasaazi

I am Ritah Nasaazi, a Completions Engineer at CNOOC Uganda Limited and I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Petroleum Engineering from the China University of Petroleum, East China. I am also one of the beneficiaries of CNOOC Uganda Limited’s International Scholarship scheme. During my last month at the university, I came across CNOOC advert providing opportunities for Ugandans to join Uganda’s oil and gas industry. I immediately applied and upon returning to Uganda I did my interviews and was selected to join the CNOOC family. I joined as a cost control trainee and during this period I was trained and mentored on various aspects of cost control, drilling and completions operations. With the help of my line managers and Head of Department, I have progressed to different positions within a period of 4 years in the company.

Rogers Amanyire

I am Rogers Amanyire, a senior lab technician in charge of quality control and management at China Railway 7th Group. I hold a national diploma in building and civil engineering. I joined this company in 2017. After the completion of an earlier project, Management retained and redeployed me to my project assignment in 2019.

My job involves compliance testing, materials testing and quality control checks are the major functions of the lab, compliance with national or international standards.

I thank the Chinese engineers for the skills that have given me a wealth of experience. We have assorted equipment that we use to conduct the various tests.

Solomon Agaba

I am Solomon Agaba. I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Construction Management from Makerere University, I have been working in the procurement department of CICO since 2019.

“I am involved in coming up with rates for materials and preparing bidding documents for submission such as work programmes, method statements, improving designs, material specifications, preparing monthly reports and track site progress,” he says.

“I commend CICO for being a good employer because it has helped me to build my career through training. When it comes to pay, at least they value your education, skills and this comes around with other fringe benefits,” he adds.
Scovia Nasiyos
My name is Scovia Nasiyo, a graduate of Management Science from Kyambogo University and a native of Bulambuli District.

I started work on December 9, 2014, as a Human Resource Assistant. In my current role, I handle recruitment, renewal of contracts, recommendation letters and design company IDs. I do filing of all documents, as well as other assigned duties.

I hope to continue working with Sinohydro if opportunity is still available. Sinohydro has helped me. I now have seven years of work experience. I am confident that I can use the knowledge and skills to do any job.

Shaidah Nampamba
I am Shaidah Nampamba, a graduate of Development Studies from Makerere University and a Masters’ Degree in Public Administration from Uganda Management Institute (UMI). I am the Liaoshen Industrial Park Ag. General Manager. My role is to oversee the day-to-day running of the industrial park.

I joined in July 2017 as a secretary. It was a low level position but I grew through the ranks to become Acting General Manager. I oversee the company to ensure reliability of services such as electricity and water, among others, because that is what attracts investors. I have learnt how to manage and extend administration to my fellow staff.

Tony Kawuma
Tony Kawuma, a driver, joined China International Water Engineering Company in October 2014.

“Today, I am serving as an assistant to the manager of the Kampala office. I do some procurement for the company as well as driving. I enjoy working with the Chinese because they appreciate what I do.” After the Isimba hydropower project, Kawuma ponders joining the murky waters of self-employment.

“If I continue working with them for another five years, I will be able to employ myself,” he adds.
Herman Asiimwe

I became a mason in different construction companies after my primary education. In those companies, I was stuck in different areas of life. Poor salaries, bad working conditions was the order of the day. At that time, I didn’t know what I was going to become in the future.

I thank God that when I heard about a construction company that was to build the Kampala - Entebbe Expressway called China Chamber of Commerce. I got scared of them because I had never worked for the Chinese before. I went to the head office of the Kampala-Entebbe Expressway Project. Fortunately I got a job as a brick maker after the human resource manager selected me because I was a mason. Thereafter, I didn’t know what would happen.

Being in a structure factory, I saw a lot of things. All the employees were dressed in uniforms, safety shoes, reflector jackets, which is smart and other construction companies don’t have. The brick factory’s story was about molding road structures like road curbs, culvert covers and bricks. There were a variety of machines and many Chinese technicians in charge of teaching us the operation of machines.

At first, I knew nothing about molding structures. I didn’t know how to handle the machines, indeed I even didn’t know the words on those machines. To acquire the skills quickly, I tried to memorize all the production process the technicians showed to us.

Lilian Nabwami

Because of CCCC, I am what I am now and not only me but even other local employees and Uganda at large. To be honest, many workers are not like they were before. Due to the good salary which is paid in time, you hear someone say I am going to buy a plot, I am going to pay school fees for my children. CCCC has enabled us overcome most of our problems.

CCC has helped us workers to learn many things we did not know before. Due to the good interaction with Chinese, we have gained skills in construction, mechanics and others, so it is like a school. This is witnessed by the certificates given to excellent employees. Let the construction of roads in Uganda be there for CCCC. Then, we as local employees shall catch up our destiny.
ENVIRONMENT
Environment

Chinese firms have a track record of executing projects not only on time but also taking into consideration the need to minimise damage to the local eco-system. Protection of the local eco-system has often relied on innovative technology to protect Mother Nature. For instance, during the construction of the 51.4km Kampala-Entebbe Expressway, high bridges were built over swampland and did not interfere with the natural environment.

In the Albertine Grabben, which is a beacon of tourism and the country’s nascent commercial oil and gas production, several critical road projects have been built with special consideration to wildlife protection. These include the Masindi-Paraa-Packwach tourism road, as well as the 159km stretch from Masindi through Paraa in Murchison National Park to Tangi in Pakwach district.

NEMA and other environmental watchdogs assessed and gave a green light to Kampala-Entebbe Expressway, which left the swamps, wetlands and the entire ecosystem intact. The watchdogs were satisfied with CCCC works on the Expressway. For instance, the high bridges of the Kampala-Entebbe Expressway built over swamplands did not interfere with eco-system and the area is a symbol of pride.
The environment is a very essential part of our daily lives. Sinocham has taken steps to warrant that any business that operates in Uganda ensures that care for the environment is crucial in the operation of their businesses. It is the role of every company to protect and conserve the environment.

Chinese firms have a track record of executing projects not only on time but also taking into consideration the impact of the environment and minimising damage to local eco-system. During construction of this road, CICO paid special attention to the protection of the local eco-system relying on innovative technology to protect Mother Nature.

Upgrading of Kamwenge - Fort-portal Road (66.2km) to bitumen standard project

Sinocham members even operating in fragile areas, have been awarded environmental impact assessment certificates by the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) for ensuring what they did adhered to the country’s laws. CCCC worked together with NEMA and Uganda Wildlife Authority to ensure that Paraa Bridge and Paraa National Park construction project never led to the destruction of the environment.
In May 2017, the Soroti-Moroto Section two project actively responded to the call of the Moroto District Local Government to educate children on environment protection.

In May 2022, a hygiene and sanitation campaign organized by CNOOC Uganda Ltd on May 20th 2022 in Buhuka Community to benefit the five villages of Kyakapere, Nsonga A & B, Nsunzu A & B.

A tree planting event was held in the community surrounding the Kingfisher project. CNOOC Uganda Ltd. is committed to sustainable conservation of the environment in Uganda.

CNOOC Uganda Ltd. organized a community clean-up activity in the village of Kyabasambu in Kikuube district. CNOOC staff, community leaders and contractors participated.

Mrs. Zhang Zhichun, a representative of Tian Tang Group donates a cheque to Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust.
Beyond the trade and investment portfolios, Chinese firms have made a big contribution to the welfare of Ugandans and built long-lasting relationships through their Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

Support to communities
One Chinese saying goes, “If you want to get rich, build a road first.” In this same spirit, Chinese enterprises helped to repair a major road in Kakungulu Estate Kika, Wakiso district in 2018. They also built a borehole at Kasaraba Trading Centre, Busesa village along the Mubende-Kibale road. Our members have organised free HIV/AIDS awareness, counseling and testing camps. They have also distributed health supplies and provided scholarships to disadvantaged learners. St. Mary’s College Kisubi, a prominent school, became one of the beneficiaries of this support after its walkways were built.

SINOCHAM has also given back to society through the Best Performers Award programme since 2013, through which students at PLE, UCE and UACE receive scholastic materials and other items for their education to the tune of US$ 8,000. Our members contributed around US$ 32,000 towards the inaugural Amasaza cup to support preparations, buying of footballs, jerseys and trophies for the winners.

Chinese enterprises helped to clean water facilities at Bidi Bidi camp in Yumbe district, which has contributed to solving water challenges for refugees. The launch of a Network Operation Centre, a donation of CCTV equipment to the National Referral Hospital and apprenticeship programmes, are among several other initiatives that have promoted skills transfer to local personnel.

ICT tools and training
Internship programmes offered by our members have opened doors for Ugandans to acquire hands-on training in areas of application and software, transmission, datacom, core network, wireless, radio frequency and device business. Likewise, donating to school programmes, sponsorships of the Wild Run Marathon in Kamwenge district and repairs of the Access.
Road for communities in Mbarara District are solid examples of support.

Our members have played an active role through charity activities and public events like combating natural disaster, equipping hospitals and schools through donations that have played a great role in strengthening the friendship between Chinese and Ugandan people. Besides employing over 2,000 Ugandans and 10,000 more across its supply chain, the firm has donated basic items to communities in Mbale, Mukono and Bududa districts, including mattresses, medical supplies and scholastic materials since 2018.

**Infrastructure, skills development**

Following the construction of the 183MW Isimba Hydropower Station, Chinese firms have conducted road maintenance of the 8km Nampanyi–Nakakandwa road and rebuilt Mbulamuti Primary School in Kamuli district. Rehabilitation of the only bridge linking Jomba and Wakiso was undertaken to facilitate transport after the bridge was swept away by floods. Our members also contributed towards relief efforts in Bududa and supported outstanding Ugandan students to study at Luyanzi College. Other donations include cash funds and assorted scholastic materials, including 600 school bags, 300 mathematical sets and 3,000 exercise books to learners in Luuka district with support from area local leaders.

**Green development**

At the Liao Shen Industrial Park, partnerships have led to the creation of the "beautification home" tree planting activity in Kapeeka. A total of 230 trees (Jacaranda and Umbrella tree spices) were planted near the Kapeeka area in the first phase of the project. Support was enlisted from a Chinese plastic recycling factory to empty plastic bottles and other waste products while seedlings were given to local residents to plant more trees to protect the environment.

**Health cooperation**

Since 1983 when China first dispatched Medical Teams to Uganda from Yunnan Province, China Medical Teams have performed a number of health activities in Uganda, including surgical operations, with the first laparoscopic appendectomy performed by the visiting specialists at the China-Uganda Friendship Hospital at Naguru.

**Relief support in times of need**

From time to time, SINOCHAM has mobilized Chinese enterprises to support relief efforts, contribute to the COVID-19 fight and establish scholarships to support disadvantaged children. In 2018, Chinese firms mobilised Ugx 80m and donated material items to support victims of landslides in Bududa district in eastern Uganda.

**Supporting culture, sports**

SINOCHAM has funded the Dragon Boat Festival and Entebbe Sinocham Marathon since 2017, to raise funds for social causes and promoting community participation. As we commemorate 60 years of bilateral relations between China and Uganda, SINOCHAM congratulates President Xi Jinping and President Yoweri K. Museveni for the fruitful milestone.

Eng. Li Jincheng
Chairman
China Chamber of Commerce
Members of the China Chamber of Commerce (SINOCHAM)

China Chamber of Commerce (SINOCHAM) was founded in 2009 in accordance with Uganda’s laws as a non-profit-making organization. It is comprised of 124 members of Chinese business entities all based and doing businesses in Uganda. Sinocham members are involved in trade, project contracting, petroleum, ICT, pharmaceuticals, real estate, manufacturing, consulting, warehousing, logistics, hotels and travel services. The association has played a great role in the economic and personal lives of many people in Uganda.

China Communications Construction Company Limited (“CCCC” or the “Company”) is a leading global comprehensive service provider of ultra-large infrastructure, mainly engaged in the investment, construction and operation of transportation infrastructure, equipment manufacturing, real estate and urban comprehensive development. It aims to provide customers with investment financing, consulting planning, design and construction, management and operation package solutions and integrated services. CCCC is listed in Hong Kong and Shanghai and the company’s profitability and value-creation capability are in a leading position in the world. In 2021, CCCC ranked 61st in the Fortune Global 500.

CNOOC Uganda Limited (CUL), a Ugandan subsidiary of CNOOC, is an upstream company that mainly engaged in oil and gas exploration and production. It entered into the Ugandan market in 2012 and operates the Kingfisher Development Area with a 25-year production license issued by the Government of Uganda on 16th September 2013. The Kingfisher Development Area, located South of Lake Albert in Kyangwali Sub-county, Kikuube District, covers an area of approximately 344 km². CUL is also the operator of License Area 2 South (LA2S), located in the Kaiso-Tonya Area, Buseruka Sub-county, Hoima District. With the vision of “Oil for better life” and the goal of “Implementing high-quality projects, Building first-class teams and Promoting China-Uganda friendship”, CUL has been actively fulfilling its corporate social responsibility while promoting the construction of projects. It has continuously increasing its investment and support for local education, medical care, employment and environmental protection, and helping local economic and social development. With all its practical actions, the company has won wide praise from the Ugandan government and all sectors of society. CNOOC is willing to make a continuous contribution to Building a China-Africa Community of Shared Future in the new era.

Established in the 1950s, SINOHYDRO is a fully Chinese state-owned enterprise and owns Top-Grade qualification certificates and over 60 years of professional experience in planning, survey, design, financing and investment, construction and operation in various infrastructure projects, including but not limited to power and energy, road and bridges, water management, railway and building. Currently, SINOHYDRO has six regional offices in East and Southern Africa, Central and West Africa, Asia Pacific, Americas, Eurasia and Middle East/North Africa to supervise 160 overseas offices in 101 countries and 524 international under-constructing projects in more than 74 countries, with total contract value of nearly US$ 42.50 billion. SINOHYDRO entered the Uganda market in 2009 and registered its Uganda branch in 2013. In Uganda, Sinohydro undertakes several key projects mainly covering hydropower projects and hospital construction project.
Huawei is a leading provider of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices. We have more than 194,000 employees and we operate in more than 170 countries and regions, serving more than three billion people around the world. Huawei’s main focus is in research and development with over 96,000 employees in that department. We provide a wide range of products in consumer, enterprise, carrier and cloud to ensure a fully connected intelligent world. Our vision and mission is to bring digital to every person, home and organization for a fully connected, intelligent world. To this end, we will drive ubiquitous connectivity and promote equal access to networks; bring cloud and artificial intelligence to all four corners of the earth to provide superior computing power where you need it, when you need it; build digital platforms to help all industries and organizations become more agile, efficient and dynamic; redefine user experience with AI, making it more personalized for people in all aspects of their life, whether they’re at home, in the office, or on the go. We create value for our customers, we ensure secure and stable network operations, we promote industry development and we enable sustainable development.

ZTE Uganda started operating in Uganda 2006, with the vision of “To enable connectivity and trust everywhere” all the time. ZTE has participated in the communications sector from 2G to 5G in Uganda, providing main operators in Uganda with advanced, innovative ICT solutions and high-quality services, while also helping more and more Ugandans get connectivity. ZTE Uganda is a subsidiary of ZTE Corporation, a world-leading provider of integrated ICT solutions. ZTE Corporation provides innovative technologies and product solutions for global telecommunications operators, enterprise customers and consumers. Founded in 1985, the company has been listed in both the Hong Kong market and the Shenzhen market. Its business covers 160 countries and regions, serving more than 1/4 of the global population.

China International Water & Electric Corp. (hereafter referred as CWE) is an international engineering enterprise active in the fields of water, hydropower, new energy and infrastructure for more than 60 years and a reliable partner of the public sector and private institutions, which runs 32 branches worldwide. CWE has more than ten thousand staff around the world. Working together as partners, our Chinese and foreign employees believe in equality, fraternity, common goals, culture convergence and value creation. We pursue excellence, quality, innovation and harmony. Guided by the idea of green development, we provide the project-host countries with clean energy to develop economy and society and promote the global energy transition and sustainable development. With a vision on integration and win-win cooperation, we earnestly work on localization and fulfill social responsibility to become a qualified corporate citizen. Our Business in Uganda On July 21, 2011, CWE established its branch in Uganda. On September 6, 2013, CWE was officially awarded the contract of 183MW Isimba Hydropower Plant and Isimba-Bujagali interconnection Project (hereafter referred as simba HPP) by Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development.
In 1979, China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation (CCECC) was established under the approval of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China. CCECC, in 2003, underwent strategic reorganization, merging into China Railway Construction Corporation Ltd (CRCC) approved by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC). In 1991, CCECC entered into the Ugandan market. In 1999, CCECC entered the Uganda market, announcing its arrival by undertaking the Nakivubo Channel Rehabilitation Project in 2000. Banking on a strong reputation and as a go-to company, CICO is a state-owned enterprise based in Chongqing and a fully owned subsidiary of Chongqing Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (Group) Co., Ltd. CICO was founded in 1985 and has eight fully owned (holding or joint-stock) subsidiaries, 11 branches domestically and 12 branches respectively in Asia, Africa and other regions. In Uganda, CICO is registered under the law of Uganda in the 1990s and we are the leading construction company for upgrading roads and bridges as well as office building with a contract value of 589 million US dollars.

China Railway Seventh Group (CRSG) has been doing business in Uganda since 2010 where we mainly focus on infrastructure works, such as road, bridge and municipal works. We have an international presence in many countries, namely; Chad, D.R. Congo, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

Tian Tang Group is a diversified comprehensive large-scale private enterprise located in the “Pearl of Africa” – Uganda. The company founded in 2009 was officially inaugurated by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in 2014 and boasts of a wide range of businesses like Manufacturing of steel bars, mattresses, steel sections and plywood. The Group is also actively engaged in Hospitality and Tourism, Real Estate Development, Mining, Machinery Trading and Industrial Park Development. The group directly employs more than 3,000 Ugandan citizens and thousands more indirectly through its supply chain. In full support of the Uganda BUBU policy and Industrialization Strategy, Tian Tang Group makes international-quality products both ISO & UNBS certified and it is the pioneer of Chinese Industrial Investment in Uganda.

Sunmaker is registered in Uganda and is registered under the National Supplier Databas as a Local Service Provider for the National Content and Local Community Content Development in Uganda. Sunmaker is professionally dedicated in the Skills Development and Technical and Vocational Education and Training. We integrate international best practices and experience, especially from China and we work closely with international and local stakeholders in the quest to raise standards within the skilling sector in Uganda and across Africa at large. Sunmaker Training Institute is sitting on three acres located in Bugolobi, Kampala. The institute has more than 80 workshops and classrooms among other training facilities. We have a comprehensively professional training system and highly experienced international and national faculties. Sunmaker is always making great efforts to create maximum value for clients, while taking into account local benefits simultaneously and finally contributing to the national sustainable development.
StarTimes trading as Star DTV (U) Co. Ltd is a digital pay TV that started its operations in Uganda in January 2010 which was followed by the official launch of the business on 1st October 2010. We are committing to enable every Ugandan family to afford, have access to watch good digital and enjoy digital TV. Registered under the company’s act of Uganda, StarTimes is dedicated to providing affordable digital TV services to Ugandans. Our head office is located at Soliz House, Lumumba Avenue. We have branches across the country and also have an agent network across the country of approximately 2000 dealer points. We have a wide range of products and services ranging from DTT and DTH pay TV services, IDTVs, OTT among others. All these branches and dealer points employ Ugandans directly as staff or dealer agents hence greatly providing employment opportunity to Ugandans.

TBEA Co., Ltd. is an international service provider of system solutions for the global energy industry with more than 20,000 employees in 24 countries. TBEA has 18 domestic industrial parks in China and two overseas manufacturing centers. As a large manufacturer of energy equipment and a national high-tech enterprise, the Company, in addition to manufacturing traditional energy equipment, is committed to developing new materials and new energy technologies, which is in line with China’s three emerging strategic industries, namely “high-end power T&D industry, the renewable energy industry and new material industry”. TBEA has become a global leading enterprise in the manufacturing of power transmission and distribution equipment with an annual transformer output of 260 million kVA. TBEA has also developed into a major export base of such new materials as poly-silicon and electronic aluminum products.

China Railway 18th Group (CR18G) has been in Uganda construction market since 2014 and mainly doing the civil works. Our first project was Musita-Lumino /Busia- Manjajir Road which achieved great development of the eastern road network in Uganda and was completed perfectly and handed over on October 2020. Now, the projects currently being undertaken are; Alwi-Nebbi Road, Tororo-Busia Road, Gulu City Town Road, Kitgum Municipal Council Town Road, Hoima City Town Road, Fort Portal Town Road and Kasese Municipal Road under USMID.

China Railway No.3 Engineering Group Co., Ltd. (CR3)- Uganda Branch was registered in Kampala, Uganda in June 2014. In the past four years since its development in Uganda, CR3 has always adhered to the concept of “Form the Unity of Knowing and Doing and Never End to Struggle”. By virtue of its solid strength and excellent corporate culture, CR3 organically integrates economic development and social responsibility fulfillment, regards the economic, environmental and social responsibility as a conscious act and also regards the corporate social responsibility (CSR) as the basis for enhancing competitiveness and has won wide acclaim from all walks of life in Uganda.
CBMI Construction Co., Ltd. is a leading global industrial engineering company and a global roof system service supplier, belongs to CNBM Group. Who is the 1st building material company in the world and No177 of Fortune Global 500, sales 390Bn RMB, more than 200,000 staff. CBMI is a core member of SINOMA International Engineering; CBMI is the main founder of “SINOMA” Brand in cement industry. The business scope of CBMI covers various kinds of industrial engineering, such as cement plant, modular grinding station, roof materials, mining, petrochemical, refining, green & new energy, agribusiness, environmental protection, large industrial zone and so on. In 2007, the company established its branch in Uganda.

Giant Uganda Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as Giant Aluminum) was established in 2009. It is an enterprise focusing on the development, production and sales of aluminum alloy profiles. Its headquarter is located in the Jinja industrial zone alongside the beautiful Lake Victoria and has set up offices in Kampala. The Giant aluminum products are widely used in the countries of Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi, in West Africa and many other countries. The Giant Aluminum offers reasonable prices, provides advanced technology and perfect supporting facilities for the Ugandan aluminum alloy market, which enables more people in East Africa to use aluminum alloy products at lower prices and of a guaranteed quality.

Kampala Electric Mart (KEM), an electrical company, has established a record countrywide impact in the energy industry through contributing to 60% of the household and industrial electrical infrastructure. It has invested over One trillion USD into consolidating clean energy as an environment friendly alternative in the day today life of the Ugandan populace. KEM is market driven with customer feedback at the core of our quality control and service delivery throughout the supply chain. KEM’s operations are fundamentally established on CSR as the key driver of our business.

Chinese medical team is a group of Chinese doctors that come to Uganda every year to provide free medical services to Ugandans. The Chinese Doctors in partnership with China-Uganda Friendship Hospital - Naguru, come to Uganda to back up their Ugandan counterparts to provide medical services. The Chinese Medical Teams that come from Yunnan province started this partnership with Uganda in 1983 and to-date a total of 209 medical doctors have come to Uganda. Currently, Uganda is hosting the 22nd medical team.
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**Notes:**

- The list includes companies involved in various industries and sectors, such as energy, construction, technology, and education.
- Many of these companies are part of the SINOCHAM network, a network of Chinese enterprises operating in Uganda.
- The list is comprehensive, covering a wide range of companies and their respective names and locations.

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**Source:**

- Chinese Enterprises in Uganda
- List of all SINOCHAM Members

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**Further Information:**

- For detailed information on each company, please refer to the original text.
- The list may not be exhaustive, as it only includes a portion of the companies mentioned.
It is my sincere pleasure to thank our editorial team who helped and coordinated together to publish this magazine. Each person here played an imperative role to make sure that the content included in this magazine is correct and submitted in on time. Without their effort and cooperation, it may have been impossible to publish this magazine. We hope you will find this magazine educative and informative. We sincerely wish you happy 60 years celebration of China – Uganda friendship.

Eng. Li Jincheng - Editorial Team Leader
Publisher’s Message

Happy 60 years celebrations

This year is a special year to many of us especially when Uganda is celebrating 60 years of its independence, China-Uganda is also celebrating 60 years of mutual cooperation and the same year, on the 1st of October 2022, China’s 73rd National Day Anniversary.

When China established her diplomatic mission on the 18th of October 1962, one could easily have mistaken China to be planning to re-colonise Uganda. But today, we now realize that China did not have any clandestine agenda. Instead it today fulfills what their great leader President Xi Jinping believes about the world.

According to President Xi Jinping, countries should cooperate, not confront one another. “Put forward the concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind, with the purpose of maintaining world peace and promoting common development,” he says.

Since 1962, China – Uganda cooperation has gone through a litmus test. Just like any cooperation, there could have been some shortfalls here and there, however, for China-Uganda, we have not witnessed many of these cases. Instead, there are a lot of positive and visible achievements one can count on in this cooperation.

What we see in this cooperation are endless grants ranging from socio-economic to cultural.

Some of the grants to Uganda include Kibimba Rice scheme, Mandela National Stadium at Nambole, Uganda Industrial Research Institute at Nakawa, Foreign Affairs Headquarters building, Industrial Skills Training and Production Centre at Namanve, Twin Towers Office of the President and of the Prime Minister, Biogas Projects in Tororo and Mbale, China-Uganda Friendship Hospital Naguru and ICT equipment to some of the government Universities.

In this cooperation, Ugandans have also received several education scholarships, long and short training programmes and cultural exchanges.

On the other hand, China has also opened its vast market where Ugandan products can be sold in China. Soon, both Chinese and Ugandan nationals will no longer be going via Dubai or Addis-baba as Uganda Airlines will fly direct from Entebbe to China.

On the private sector side, the Chinese firms in Uganda are greatly playing a great role in establishing businesses in different parts of Uganda. The businesses range from manufacturing, agro-processing, construction, energy and development, ICT and Agriculture, among others. The presence of these businesses in Uganda has created thousands of jobs for Ugandans, training and impacting different skills among many employees.

During the process of compiling the contents of the magazine, we randomly sampled and interviewed a few Ugandan employees from some of the Chinese companies, their testimonies are very interesting.

These companies are also playing a critical role in different communities in Uganda by supporting them through corporate social responsibility activities. The Chinese firms in Uganda carry on their CSR activities under their umbrella association, the China Chambers of Commerce. Also, individual companies support communities through the donation of essential items like food, scholastic materials, medical services and clothing, among others.

It is my sincere pleasure to wish the custodians of this cooperation in Uganda and China to continue in the same way for the mutual benefit of our people.

I wish to thank H.E. Zhang Lizhong, Chinese Ambassador to Uganda, for being a true leader in leading the Chinese diplomats and community in Uganda. I also wish to thank him for his technical guidance during the process of publishing this magazine.

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Justin K. Ojangole