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Airport work expected to boost tourism

Chinese finance and expertise is helping Zanzibar create greater capacity for flights.

The Export-Import Bank of China is in the final stages of providing a loan for expansion of the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar, Tanzania's semi-autonomous island.



Zanzibar is also a beneficiary of three major projects from 16 agreements signed between Tanzania and China, which include economic and technical cooperation, the rehabilitation and upgrading of Abdulla Mzee Hospital in Pemba and two scanners provided by China for container inspection at Zanzibar Port.

New rail connection links Czech Republic with China's Yiwu

The first freight train between Prague and Yiwu, the famous commodity distribution hub in China's Zhejiang province, left the capital of the Czech Republic on Wednesday morning.

With support from the provincial government, Yiwu plans to build a huge logistics center in the Czech Republic. Lin said the project will generate about 3,000 jobs.

Zeman, a strong supporter of the Belt and Road Initiative, said he expects the freight express between Prague and Yiwu to boost the export of Czech agricultural products.



A brand new line in export opportunities

Rail link between China and the UK opens up a range of options for trade between two nations
In January, China's Yiwu Timex Investment Co made headlines by operating the first freight train from China to London.

Investment in the initiative is already growing fast. At the Belt and Road forum in May, China committed an additional contribution of \$14.6 billion (12.8 billion euros; £ 11.3 billion) to the Silk Road Fund, which invests infrastructure along the routes, adding to its initial commitment of \$40 billion in 2014.

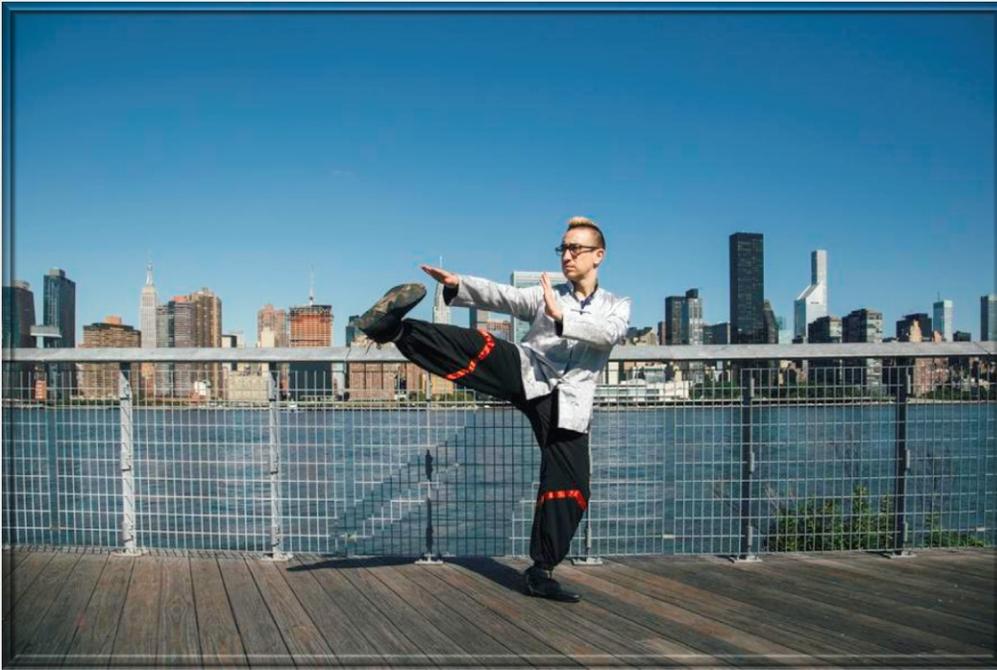


Southern coastal sister cities unite to share wealth, convenience

Shenzhen, a coastal city in South China's Guangdong province, is the key trade hub between the mainland and the SAR. Shenzhen airport is now fostering a "four-hour airline circle" for the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and a "12-hour airline circle" among many major global cities. In August 2005, an airline logistics fast lane between Hong Kong and Shenzhen's airports was inaugurated.

Cargos from Hong Kong to Shenzhen airports now enjoy non-barrier clearance, significantly lowering pressure on transport, logistics and surveillance systems. An international express mail examination center and airline logistics parks have been opened to serve both airports.





◆ Alex Richter practices Wing Tsun forms at a park in New York, the United States, July 26, 2017.

Chinese kung fu lover promotes Wing Tsun in US

Hidden in the midtown of bustling New York City is "City Wing Tsun". This is Alex Richter's kung fu school which features, as the name suggests, Wing Tsun, a Hong-Kong style martial art. As a native-born American kid, Richter was hugely influenced by the martial art films star Bruce Lee.

Richter started to learn Wing Tsun at the age of 15 in Seattle area in the United States. At age 19, Richter shipped himself to Germany for Wing Tsun training for several years. In 2002, he rented a small dance studio and started his career as a martial art instructor in New York. At the beginning, he had only 15 students. Step by step, he now has over 400 students.

"Kung fu is part of my life now, it influences the way you look at everything," he said. "It is not only about fist fighting."

Richter has also improved his training curriculum to maximize the benefits for all students. He builds up records for all his students. Richter is also documenting the old stories of martial artists, hoping he can get them published in the future.





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