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New Horizon of Hope

Key Activities of the Month



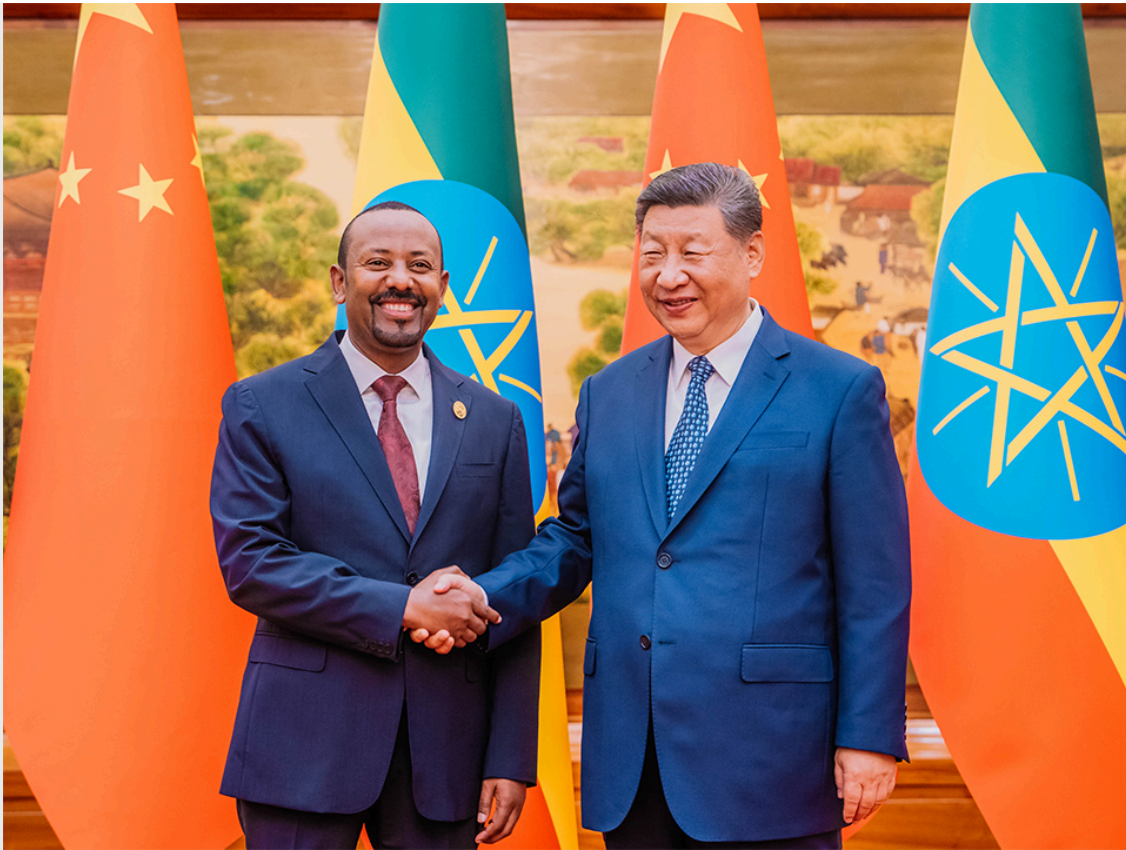
On September 2, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed Bill Gates to Ethiopia on his second visit since 2019 to the Land of Origins. “We deeply appreciate the continued support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in advancing our efforts in agriculture, health, and financial inclusion,” the Prime Minister stated. Prime Minister Abiy stated that the visit focusing on wheat cluster productivity and poultry farming, underscores the strengthening of our partnership as Ethiopia remains steadfast on its path toward achieving food security.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared that with strong partnerships, Ethiopia's food security and path to food sovereignty will be transformed. He added that the country's aspiration on food sovereignty is also paving the way for a future where the nation is self-reliant and resilient in the face of climate challenges. "By investing in sustainable agriculture, modern technology, and capacity-building, Ethiopia can boost productivity, diversify crops, and improve access to nutritious food," Premier Abiy elaborated.

The Prime Minister also hoped that such collaborations will empower communities, create economic opportunities, and drive innovation, positioning Ethiopia as a leader in sustainable food systems and ensuring a thriving, food-secure future for our people.

Prime Minister Abiy's Working Visit to China and Diplomatic Engagements

On September 3, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew left for Beijing, China on an official visit during which the Prime Minister together with his delegation was scheduled to attend the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.



In the early hours of September 4, 2024, in their third meeting since August 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with President Xi Jinping. The two leaders noted that the frequency of their meetings reflects a deepening partnership based on mutual benefit and respect. They reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening cooperation, particularly in investment, green growth, digitalization, and new energy. Following the bilateral meeting, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed laid a wreath at the Monument to the People's Heroes.

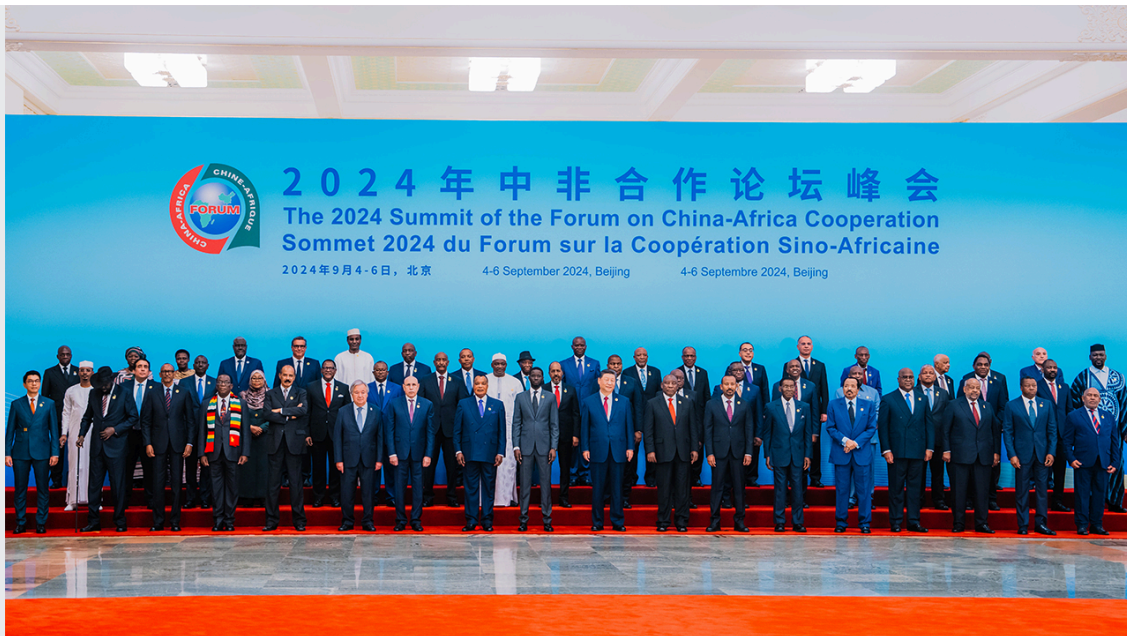
Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed thanked President Xi Jinping, for the warm welcome and their valuable discussions. He further stated that Ethiopia greatly appreciates China's continued and multifaceted support. Despite facing various challenges, the Premier noted that “we are making significant strides in agriculture, manufacturing, industry, tourism, telecommunications, and other sectors.”

Acknowledging Chinese investments that have played a key role in this progress, Prime Minister Abiy underlined that there is substantial potential for growth in areas like tourism and the paper and pulp industry. We are deeply committed to further strengthening our partnership, he said.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held talks with the Chairman of Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, on the side-lines of the Forum on China–Africa Cooperation. “Following up on our meeting in July, I had another opportunity to meet with General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan on the side-lines of the Forum on China–Africa Cooperation. Our discussions focused on a range of bilateral and regional issues of mutual concern,” the Premier shared on X.



On the same day also, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew attended the welcoming dinner of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.



On September 5, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the opening ceremony of the Forum on China–Africa Cooperation. China announced partnerships in ten areas of cooperation with Africa, including trade, industrial cooperation, health, agriculture, connectivity, green development, and security. These initiatives would allow Ethiopia to benefit from this cooperation framework.



On the same day also, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed had productive discussions with Premier Li Qiang, where the two leaders explored concrete ways to deepen the partnership between Ethiopia and China. In a social media post, Prime Minister Abiy highlighted that President Xi Jinping unveiled a ten-point action plan at FOCAC, which aligns well with our growth and development goals.

He also expressed his desire to strengthen agricultural cooperation, particularly in modernizing practices for enhanced productivity. The Premier further noted that Ethiopia explored support for its industrialization and digitalization efforts as well. The signing of 17 MOUs, which we presided over, is a significant testament to the “all weather strategic cooperation partnership” between Ethiopia and China, according to the Prime Minister.

On the same day, September 5, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with Wang Tongzhou, Chairman of China Communication Construction Company (CCCC) in Beijing, continuing discussions from a few months earlier. The Prime Minister praised CCCC’s role in modernizing Ethiopian cities and reiterated Ethiopia’s vision to attract tourists, including from China, which requires developing hotels, airports, and related services.

On September 6, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conducted a sudden oversight of the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration’s exhibition.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed witnessed the innovative technologies developed by youth expressing that these creations form the foundation for Ethiopia's future prosperity. A nation's progress is driven by young entrepreneurs who grow their businesses from small ventures into large enterprises, he wrote on X.



On September 7, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew handed over the keys to beneficiaries of the 275 houses built in Aware Village. “Our aspiration to transform Aware has become a reality, bringing dignified living to life,” said Prime Minister Abiy on a social media

post.

He further stated that the day marks the fulfilment of our aspiration to upgrade Aware neighbourhood. What was once a dilapidated area has now been transformed into a neighbourhood that provides dignified living for its residents, especially the elderly. This transformation is a testament to our commitment to improving the lives of the community, the Premier revealed. Aware reflects the nation's principle of building quickly without compromising on quality, he pointed out.

Moreover, the neighbourhood now features a play area for children, green areas for contemplation, comfortable walkways for the elderly, and a clean environment, all designed with the goal of promoting dignified living, he underscored. However, what we have accomplished in Aware is only the beginning. "We should not be fully satisfied with this achievement, as there is much more work to be done. As a country of millions, the task of uplifting lives across the nation remains urgent and ongoing."

To continue making progress, we must strengthen our collaborations with the private sector and our cities to expand this initiative. As Prime Minister Abiy looks ahead to the new Ethiopian year, he hopes that despite the many challenges we face, we will overcome them and build a stronger Ethiopia for our children.



On September 8, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed made a remark at an event organized to commemorate the Day of Sovereignty under the motto: "National Harmony to Ensuring Sovereignty in All Spheres" and emphasized that the name Ethiopia has long been associated with honour, excellence, and freedom. Throughout its history, Ethiopia has maintained its sovereignty and never invaded another country, he stated. However, the Prime Minister recalled that the country has always defended itself against those who threatened its sovereignty. And this will continue to be upheld by the united efforts of its people.



On the next day, September 9, 2024, before the occasion of the Ethiopian New Year, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared food items with low income staff members of the Office of the Prime Minister and school supplies for orphaned children the PMO is helping to raise.

The Prime Minister wrote on his social media pages that sharing food and other items with others is a symbol of patriotism, a beautiful reminder of friendship and tradition. Let's come together, share what we have, and spread joy, he added. The Premier also stressed the need for supporting each other and spending the holiday creating memories that nourish our hearts and souls, and share them with those in need.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the graduation ceremony for the 2024 Summer Camp trainees of the Ethiopian Artificial Intelligence Institute. Speaking at the graduation ceremony, the Premier said you are a testament to our efforts in addressing the challenges of our country and advancing the Digital Ethiopia strategy. I trust that the 200 visionary young minds here today will turn this beginning into remarkable achievements, he said.

On September 10, 2024, in his New Year message, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended his best wishes for the country and its people. The Prime

Minister said Ethiopia will be ushering in the coming New Year with renewed hope and determination.



On September 11, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew shared an Annual New Year holiday meal with the elderly and impoverished sections of society.

On September 14, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed forwarded his best wish message to the Muslim community on the celebration of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad (Mawlid al-Nabi.)

On September 17, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed offered condolences on the death of the renowned scholar and politician, Professor Beyene Petros. Professor Beyene Petros embodied the spirit of peaceful political struggle, playing a pivotal role in fostering a culture of non-violence and constructive political dialogue in Ethiopia, the Prime Minister posted on X. "I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing after a prolonged period of

medical care. May his legacy endure, and may he rest in eternal peace,” he said.

On September 19, 2024, in a social media post, Prime Abiy Ahmed announced that this year’s rice production is much larger than that of last year.



On September 21, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared on his social media channels that Ethiopia’s current expansive wheat fields is a product of our commitment to ensuring food security.

On September 26, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended best wishes to followers of the Christian faith on the celebration of the UNESCO inscribed Meskel-Demera festival which was celebrated across the nation colorfully. In his message, Prime Minister Abiy emphasized that the feast of the True Cross is the celebration of unity in which dreams can be realized through perseverance and determination.



On September 28, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the Lemi National Cement factory with capacity to produce 150,000 quintals of cement per day, making it the largest cement factory nationally. Constructed within a span of two years, this mega project is equipped with advanced technology and automation, significantly reducing energy consumption and enhancing product quality. It also possesses the tallest preheater in the world, standing at 174 meters tall. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed highlighted the national significance of this project, indicating the need for enhanced private sector participation to multiply such mega interventions in critical areas like steel and fertilizer production among many others.

The Prime Minister added that this mega project stands as a testament to the government's commitment to building fast, building big, and building clean. Noting that the factor exemplifies the swift and efficient delivery of crucial infrastructure, the Premier congratulated all those involved in realizing this important project, which now produces 50% of the cement made by factories across the country.

“If we replicate industrial projects like Lemi across the nation, the ripple effects in job creation and national development will be unmatched,

especially in sectors like steel manufacturing, fertilizer production, which can catalyze a broader industrial and agricultural revolution,” he stated.



On September 30, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared through his social media channels “When we intensified urban farming in Ethiopia as part of a sustainable urban livelihood strategy, we did so with a clear understanding of its transformative potential.”

The Prime Minister emphasized the multi-faceted benefits of this approach: Urban farming not only boosts the agricultural sector but also drives the urban economy and creates jobs. It enhances national food security, supports urban development, and connects consumers directly to local farms.

He highlighted the innovative techniques being employed: By using space more efficiently through practices like vertical farming and utilizing recycled materials, we are maximizing productivity while minimizing environmental impact. Noting the initiative's success, he stated: Across the country, these initiatives are already showing impressive results, proving the power of urban farming to reshape our cities and strengthen our economy.

The Prime Minister concluded with a call to action: I call on those already engaged to further intensify their efforts and encourage others to take part in this growing movement for a more sustainable urban future.

Statements

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Video of the Month



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