

SPEECH BY HIS LORDSHIP CAPT. (RTD) WILLIAM PATRICK GUMBO, MUSOMA MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON THE OCCASION OF SIGNING AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL ON 9TH MAY 2016

His Lordship Deputy Mayor of Xiangtan City;

Members of Xiangtan Delegation;

Hon. Magesa Mulongo, Mara Regional Commissioner;

Mara Regional Administrative Secretary;

Hon. Humphrey Polepole Musoma District Commissioner;

Musoma District Administrative Secretary;

His Lordship Shabani Kaajala Municipal Deputy Mayor;

Dr. Khalfany B. Haule Municipal Director;

Invited Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here in Mara region and particularly in Musoma Municipal Council and at this juncture allow me on behalf of the people of Musoma to express my gratitude to you and your delegation for making this visit a reality. I hope you will find your stay in Musoma comfortable. Karibuni Sana.

I appreciate this opportunity to host you in our Municipality and I once again reassure you that we are going to do everything in our power to cherish this respect you have given us. Be reminded that Musoma is a land of hospitable people and rich of opportunities, others call it 'a Beautiful Cesspool'.

I recognize that this trip you have ventured all the way from China and especially from Xiangtan City will offer enormous rewards for both of our sister cities and it will profoundly showcase our mutual interest and unlock our potentials.

His Lordship;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

History is always a good teacher, our relations are close and go back a long time. Co-operation between Tanzania and China began some decades ago when founders of our nations Mwl. Julius Nyerere and Mao Tse Tung sought the need to co-operate for the good of their nations and their people. And so it has remained to date.

Apparently, through that co-operation Tanzania has benefited in various development projects from the People's Republic of China. The same can also be said of Tanzania. I sincerely wish to give some few examples regarding assistance that was extended to our country from China. The Tanzania - China Co-operation gave way to the following projects:

- Tanzania –Zambia Railways also known as 'TAZARA'. This railway facilitated the liberisation of Southern part of Africa and Africa as a whole.
- Construction of Urafiki Textile in Dar es Salaam.
- Volunteer Doctors from China who have been coming endlessly to aid our people. To mention but a few.

His Lordship;
Ladies and Gentlemen.

What was true then can be true now. Our common goal must be to promote sustainable development of our cities. I feel confident that we are on the right track. Through our mutual endeavors all seemingly impossible odds will vanish and development for our people will always characterize our Co-operation

Believe me when I say all accomplishments were possible by the verge of true character and devotion of our heros Mwl. Julius K. Nyerere and comrade Mao Tse Tung who actively founded our relations. The Manifestation of their efforts will be made true as we sign the agreement on the establishment of Friendship City Relationship today.

While we continue our relationship, we must begin to consider thinking about unlocking potentials of our cities in an attempt to address development challenges of our Cities. Musoma is a beautiful city, rich in resources and opportunities. I hope that we will see commercial links between our cities in the future.

In fact in order to fulfill our dream positive climate for foreign investments will be crucial and once again I can promise you in co-operation with our government all setbacks will be worked out for conducive business environment.

His Lordship;
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Our relationship should be win – win for it to be sustainable and so our friendship we formalize today will cover areas of agriculture, Health, Trade and Education. These are the core areas we need our relationship to address because we seek their advancement now more than ever before.

However, our commitment over afore mentioned areas of co-operation is true and promising especially this time when our nation is experiencing great changes under our president Hon. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, the President of United Republic of Tanzania under his slogan “HAPA KAZI TU”.

Before I end my speech I’m delighted to inform you that soon after accomplishment of signing ceremony you will have an opportunity to visit Mwl. Nyerere Tomb in Butiama.

His Lordship;
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Let me finish by thanking you for your true commitment in making this event possible, I promise you once again on behalf of the people of Musoma our friendship we found today will be there to exist. Looking forward to our everlasting relationship and I would like to say ‘Karibuni Tena Musoma’.

Long live China
Long live Xiangtan
Long live Tanzania
Long live Musoma

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