

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



PRIME MINISTER

Statement by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister

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At the inauguration of the Administrative Office
Complex for the Office of the Prime Minister and other
government institutions

Kigali, April 22nd, 2019

- **Your Excellency Zheng Jianbang, the Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference,**
- **Honourable Ministers,**
- **Your Excellency Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Rwanda,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good morning.

1. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you Your Excellency Zheng, and your delegation to Rwanda, and to this important function of inauguration of the new Office of the Prime Minister and other Government institutions.

2. This ceremony is a historical one. It is yet another indicator of how stronger the relationship between China and Rwanda is always growing stronger.

3. This inauguration of this Administrative Office Complex is a result of long lasting cordial bilateral relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Rwanda. Since China and Rwanda started to be partners, our two countries have achieved a lot together. We appreciate this mutual beneficial relationship.

4. As we all know, regular high-level exchange of visits as well as mutual support in various international issues symbolise this good partnership. As an example, in March 2017, our President visited China and met the Chinese President, His Excellency Xi Jinping. They had good bilateral talks. Last year in July, the Chinese President visited Rwanda. During his visit, 15 bilateral agreements between our two countries were signed.

5. These agreements came to reinforce other existing Chinese bilateral cooperation initiatives and projects with Rwanda. Some of them are in the sector of investment, infrastructure development, education, health, trade, technical assistance and capacity building.

- **Your Excellency,**

6. As I have mentioned, this new Administrative Office Complex will cement the good existing ties between China and Rwanda. I would like to thank China for offering to Rwanda, such beautiful and modern office building. It will help staff of the office of the Prime Minister and those from other public institutions who will be hosted in this building, to deliver quality fast and effective services.

7. Rwanda would also like to use this opportunity to reiterate its commitment to advance the existing good cooperation with China for the interest of our two nations.

8. In conclusion, I wish to thank once again Your Excellency Zheng, the Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference for visiting Rwanda. I especially thank you for attending, in person, the inauguration of this

Administrative Office Complex.

9. I thank in particular China, for having made possible this project. I finally acknowledge the role of all the people who were involved in the construction of this building. They did a very good job.

- **I thank you for your kind attention.**