Rwanda is positioning itself as a key partner for Chinese investors, signing agreements this week to boost trade, investment, and technology cooperation between the two countries.

The agreements, signed by the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and the Hongqiao Overseas Chinese Business Association Expo and Trade Promotion Center, were finalized at the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai, held from Nov. 5–10, 2025.

Rwanda’s trade with China has grown rapidly in recent years, rising from $35 million (over 50 billion Rwandan francs) in 2019 to $160.6 million in 2024, according to RDB. Officials said the new agreements aim to accelerate this growth and strengthen Rwanda’s position in the global supply chain.

The deals are expected to attract Chinese investment to Rwanda and promote Rwandan-made products in China, particularly in agriculture and industry. Ahead of the expo, the Rwandan Embassy announced separate agreements to facilitate avocado exports to China, responding to rising demand for Rwandan products.

At its expo pavilion, Rwanda showcased coffee, tea, honey, chili, and macadamia nuts, highlighting the country’s expanding presence in international markets. Embassy officials said the CIIE offers a platform to demonstrate Rwanda’s business potential, tourism, and cultural offerings.