

## Chinese minister in DRC to finalise deals

China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi arrived in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday, 8 January, to formalise a series of recent deals between the two countries, officials said.

Yang told reporters that his visit would contribute "to the consolidation and reinforcement of the traditional friendship" between China and the DRC.

"During this visit, I will engage in many exchanges of views with the Congolese side on the development of our bilateral relations," he said.

He said the two nations had long had "fruitful cooperation in terms of politics, economics, education and health".

President Joseph Kabila used a state of the nation address last month to hail cooperation with China in industries such as mining as key to the reconstruction of the war-torn DRC.

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