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Chinese ambassador lauds Uganda on investment climate

The Chinese ambassador to Uganda has commended the Government for ensuring peace in the country, which has enabled Chinese entrepreneurs to put up investments.

Ambassador Zheng Zhu Zheng said due to the existence of the peaceful environment, Uganda has many business opportunities.

He urged Chinese investors to devote more money in the country.

"Uganda is a safe and politically stable country, where you can invest your money" Zheng told the Chinese community.

He was recently speaking at the annual Chinese community meeting held at Arrirang Hotel in Nakasero, Kampala, where he was the guest of honour. The meeting was attended by over 200 Chinese business persons, who run different investments in the country.

At the same function, the Chinese held a party in celebration of the end of year and the new year.

Different Chinese investors were awarded for their contribution and investments in Uganda. Ruan Wen Bing, the managing director of Techno phonés in Uganda, got the best entrepreneur of the

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year 2016 award.

The meeting comes in the wake of a new bilateral arrangement, in which Zheng pledged his country's commitment to supporting Uganda through the China-supported projects and programmes and further enhance co-operation between the two countries.

The pledge of support was disclosed during a meeting between Vice-President Edward Ssekandi and Zheng,



Zheng giving an award to Ruan Wen Bing, a Chinese investor at Arrirang hotel in Nakasero, Kampala. Photo by Moses Nsubuga

who called on the the Vice-President at his office in Kampala recently.

During the meeting, Ssekandi expressed Uganda's gratitude to China's support

towards key national interest projects, like Karuma and Isimba power dams, Entebbe

Expressway and the renovation of Entebbe Airport, which he said were indicators of a strong friendship between the two countries.

Ssekandi said the new ambassador was coming to Uganda at a time when the two countries were diversifying their engagements into other areas of tourism, culture and people to people interaction to promote more grassroots interactions. The Vice-President said Zheng's coming to Uganda would facilitate the process.

Zheng said the new projects would also include co-operation in areas of education, information technology and local government. The envoy also appreciated Ssekandi's contribution to the promotion of the China-Uganda relations.

Zheng, who earlier worked as the head of African Affairs and also in Zimbabwe and Botswana, replaced Ambassador Zhao Yali who retired from the Chinese diplomatic services.