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PRESIDENT Yoweri Museveni has held a meeting with officials of the Sichuan Provincial Agricultural Department (SPAD) that is implementing the South-South co-operation project in Uganda.

The delegation to State House Entebbe on Wednesday was led by the Vice-President, Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi.

The group briefed the President on the progress of the China-Uganda Agricultural Co-operation Industrial Park in Luwero district, a \$220m (about sh79.2b) project, which he commissioned on April 26.

Luo Heng, the chairman of Kehong Group, the company that is involved in the construction of the complex, said the park was listed in June 2017 as one of the 18 China overseas demonstration parks in the world. He called for further co-operation between the Government of Uganda and Kehong Group to ensure that the project becomes the model park for East Africa.

According to a release from State House, the group has identified areas of co-operation as irrigation and storage of grain stocks to address drought-related challenges that occasionally occur in Luwero, Nakasongola

Museveni meets Chinese over Luwero park project

and Nakaseke districts.

President Museveni thanked the delegation for thinking about Uganda in terms of investment and their plans to support irrigation projects in the country.

"We are going to put emphasis on irrigation; gravitational irrigation in the mountainous areas and solar energy in the non-mountainous areas," Museveni said.

The President called on the government of China to partner with the Irish Potato Research Centre at Kachwekano, Kabale district in southwestern region.

He also welcomed the Chinese interest in tourism, saying Uganda has a variety of attractions to offer such good climate, wildlife, indigenous culture and water bodies.

Ren Yongchang, who is the director general of Sichuan Provincial Department of Agriculture in China, said the Chinese government is pleased with the industrial park project in Luwero.



President Museveni with the China-Uganda Agricultural Co-operation Industrial Park delegation at State House Entebbe on Wednesday. The Chinese group is constructing a sh79.2b industrial park in Luwero district. PPU Photo