

Almost 200 Countries Sign Historic Pledge To Hold Global Temperatures To A Maximum Rise Of 1.5C Above Pre-Industrial Levels

World Leaders Hail Paris Climate Deal As 'Major Leap For Mankind'

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phase-out of fossil fuels, the growth of renewable energy streams and powerful new carbon markets to enable countries to trade emissions and protect forests. As the final text of the agreement was released, the French president, François Hollande, said: "This is a major leap for mankind. The agreement will not be perfect for everyone, if everyone reads it with only their own interests in mind. We will not be judged on a clause in a sentence, but on the text as a whole. We will not be judged on a word, but on an act." Economist Lord Stern added: "This is a historic moment, not just for us but for our children, our grandchildren and future generations. The Paris agreement is a turning point in the world's fight against unmanaged climate change which threatens prosperity. It creates enormous opportunities as countries begin to accelerate along the path towards low-carbon economic growth."

what ambition and perseverance could do. "We've secured our planet for many, many generations to come – and there is nothing more important than that," he said. His energy and climate change secretary, Amber Rudd, told BBC One's The Andrew Marr Show that it did not always look like an agreement would be possible, but that the result was an "extraordinary achievement". "It really went down to the wire with the final plenary meeting, it was suspended for an hour while final negotiations took place. And then we got it. But it's only the start. The French did a fantastic job managing the whole process, but – as they said themselves – it's a step in the right direction ... the work begins now. "The current contributions that all countries are making actually takes us to [a] 2.7 [degree increase in global temperatures]," said Rudd. "So we need to do better than that, and what this did was set us on a pathway to try and achieve that. "It is ambitious, but it is legally binding in some ways, and not

in other ways. But we had to get the balance of being totally inclusive, getting 200 countries to sign up, but also not having such a tough compliance regime which you could say we had at Kyoto, which didn't succeed, that some countries would step away. "I think this is the right balance. While it is a compromise, it is nevertheless an historic moment." The US president, Barack Obama, said in a seven-minute address from the White House that the deal "shows what is possible when the world stands as one", and added: "This agreement represents the best chance we have to save the one planet that we've got." But he went on to say the agreement "was not perfect. The problems not solved because of this accord". Climate scientists and activists cautioned that while the agreement was unexpectedly ambitious, the measures did not go far enough. "The cuts promised by countries are still insufficient, but the agreement sends a strong message to business, investors and cities that fossil fuels belong to the past," said Corinne Le Quere, director of the UK's Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. Myles Allen, professor of geosystem science at Oxford, cast doubt on the 1.5C target: "Human-induced warming is already approaching one degree and is predicted to be at 1.2C by 2030, so 1.5C will be a challenge." (Courtesy www.theguardian.com/environment/2015)



French foreign minister and president-designate of COP21 Laurent Fabius (centre), raises hands with UN secretary general Ban Ki Moon and French president François Hollande. (AFP/Getty Images)

An historic, legally binding climate deal that aims to hold global temperatures to a maximum rise of 1.5C above pre-industrial levels, staving off the worst effects of catastrophic global warming, has been secured.

The culmination of more than 20 years of fraught UN climate talks has seen all countries agree to reduce emissions, promise to raise \$100bn a year by 2020 to help poor countries adapt their economies, and accept a new goal of zero net emissions by later this century.

Formally adopted in Paris by 195 countries, the first universal climate deal will see an accelerated



Villagers on Kutubdia island, Bangladesh, which is prone to extreme weather, including cyclones and storm surges. (Photo Barcroft)

The British prime minister, David Cameron, also welcomed the deal, praising those involved for showing



Environmentalists attend a demonstration near the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, during the World Climate Change Conference 2015 (COP21). (Reuters Photo)

Chinese Doctors Offer Free Open Heart Surgeries In Ghana

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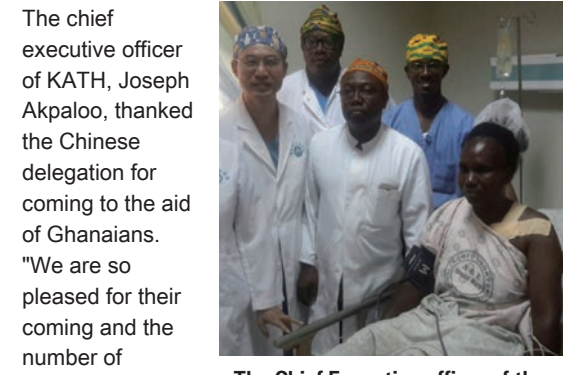


The chief executive officer of KATH, Joseph Akpaloo, thanks the Chinese delegation for coming to the aid of Ghanaians.

A team of Chinese cardio experts have offered free cardiovascular surgical operation to 10 patients at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi, Ghana's second most populous city.

The 10-member team from China's Guangdong Cardiovascular Institute collaborated with their Ghanaian counterparts to conduct the heart surgeries. The team treated patients suffering from severe and complex cardiac disorders, some with low heart rates that made them unable to perform their daily activities. The consultant cardiologist at KATH, Dr Isaac Kofi Owusu described the surgeries as very successful, saying the team of experts were very happy with the outcome of the procedures.

"We are happy for the patients and the patients are also happy because they have their lives back," he said in an interview with Xinhua at the hospital last Wednesday.



The Chief Executive officer of the Guangdong Cardiovascular Institute who also doubles as the Chairman of the Cardiovascular Surgery Board of China and the head of the Chinese team, (left) Dr. Zhuang Jian and his left is the head of the Cardio Unit at KATH, Dr. Isaac Kofi Owusu standing beside one of the patients who had successfully been fixed with a heart pacemaker.

for the diagnosis and treatment of congenital heart disease, valve disease, coronary heart disease and hypertension. The head of the Chinese team, Lin Chunying, praised the deal of the Ghanaian doctors to learn from other doctors.

We will bring advanced technical know-how to Ghana and get more Ghanaian benefit from it, she told Xinhua. The Chinese team also donated medical consumables, cardio medication and equipment valued at \$200,000 to the Cardio Unit of KATH. (Courtesy www.chinadaily.com.cn/life/)

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紀念抗戰勝利臺灣光復七十周年史料特展

【本報系達拉斯訊】2015年12月5日，由達福地區慶祝抗戰勝利暨光復臺灣70周年委員會舉辦的向抗戰英雄致敬—紀念抗戰勝利臺灣光復七十周年史料特展，在達拉斯市J Erik Johnson Central Library開幕，並舉行為期兩週的圖片及史料展覽。

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八年抗戰是中華民族歷史上規模最大、影響最深、傷亡最多的一次民族性的保衛戰，本次在達拉斯的圖片史料特展由24篇巨型圖文資料組成，分為九大主題，包括：廬山宣言、鐵血千戈、浴火重生、百年榕樹、開羅會議、同盟作戰、抗戰勝利、華僑與抗戰、永續和平發展。這九大主題詳細介紹了中華民族對日作戰，艱苦卓絕的抗戰歷程。一幅幅圖片，代表了一段段中華民族不可磨滅的歷史，與會來賓不斷在照片前駐足觀看，看到戰爭的慘劇，每個人的臉上都掛上了凝重的色彩。當看到海外僑胞八年抗戰期間心繫祖國，一方面號召僑界聲援抗戰，另一方面積極籌款捐款，八年間，籌得5億9千余萬美元聲援抗戰，在場的每一個老華僑都情緒激動，紛紛表示作為海外遊子同樣也懷抱著愛國、思鄉的熱忱。

總召集人谷祖光先生、僑教中心主任莊雅淑、駐休士頓臺北經濟文化辦事處秘書黃浩、達拉斯市 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Erik Wilson、達拉斯市僑典長 Bed Huddleston 在會上達拉斯市僑典長



谷祖光先生和 Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonso 濟文化辦事處僑教中心主任莊雅淑



Bed Huddleston 說道：我們雖然身處不同的文化背景，但是全人類的和平和發展需要各民族的共同努力，讓我們銘記歷史，珍惜今天的幸福生活。

總召集人谷祖光先生表示：感謝各位來賓蒞臨此次活動，在二次世界大戰中，中華民族深受戰爭的苦楚，雖然贏得戰爭，但是蒙受了巨大損失，和平來之不易。希望我們珍惜現在的美好生活，為以後的和平而努力。

最後史料特展有幸邀請到 UNT 的中國歷史教授 Dr. Harold Tanner 和 UNT 教授 Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsvach 分別做了題為《有關蔣介石在抗日戰爭中的歷史意義》和《歐洲猶太人在二次世界大戰所遭受的迫害》的主題演講，現場氣氛凝重而熱烈，嘉賓紛紛提問並和教

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