Adeang Takes the Long March—Last Week in the Pacific

Summary of PRC Activity

Naoero President David Adeang began his second China visit of 2026 in Shaanxi Province, where he unveiled a plaque for a traditional Chinese medicine training center and toured CCP revolutionary sites and Xi Jinping's former village. Solomon Islands party representatives asked the CCP International Liaison Department (ILD) for help building local party structures. Ambassadors to Fiji, Kiribati, and Vanuatu continued to brief counterparts on the Fifth Plenary Session. Chinese ministries trained Solomon Islands fisheries and tourism officials, and PNG farewelled its 15th China Medical Team.

Ambassador's Corner

On 12 November, Ambassador Liu Weimin hosted more than 40 members of Tonga's overseas Chinese community to mark the 160th anniversary of Sun Yat-sen's birth.

Liu relayed Xi Jinping's speech at the commemoration in Beijing that day and urged attendees to "firmly oppose 'independence' and promote reunification." He also briefed them on the Fifth Plenum. The embassy published the readout only on its Chinese-language site.

This Week's Big Themes:

Adeang in Xi'an

On 11 November, Chargé d'Affaires Wang Xuguang saw President David Adeang off at Naoero's airport. The next day, Chen Xiongqiao, vice chairman of the Guangzhou Municipal People's Congress Standing Committee, greeted Adeang during his transit at Guangzhou. Ambassador Lyu Jin and Shaanxi Foreign Affairs Office Director Yao Hongjuan met him in Xi'an that night. Transport and Fisheries Minister Reagan Aliklik and four deputy ministers accompanied him. The embassy said the program would include Yan'an and Beijing, a meeting with a "Chinese state leader," and meetings with officials responsible for international development and civil aviation.

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On 13 November, Adeang toured the Xi'an Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), where he met Chinese doctors who had run a free clinic in Naoero in September. He also met Shaanxi Party Secretary Zhao Yide, and the two unveiled a plaque for the Shaanxi–Naoero Training Center for TCM Professionals. The Naoero government's readout said Adeang wants Naoero to become a "regional hub for Traditional Chinese Medicine in the Pacific," with Shaanxi as a key partner.



President Adeang and Shaanxi Party Secretary Zhao Yide unveil the plaque for the Shaanxi–Naoero Training Center for TCM Professionals. (Source: Naoero Government Facebook)

TCM is one strand of Beijing's health diplomacy in the Pacific Islands, alongside the surgery and specialist care Chinese medical teams provide. Earlier examples this monitor recorded include:

- Acupuncture by the TCM specialist on the China Medical Team in Kiribati in February
- Ambassador Wu Wei's April op-ed promoting TCM at Pohnpei State Hospital
- The addition of TCM to the services of the China Medical Team in Samoa in late April

The state-run *Global Times* reported that the September clinic in Naoero provided nearly 500 TCM consultations and services, and that Adeang tried acupuncture and cupping. A training center would turn TCM from a service Chinese doctors deliver into a skill dei-Naoero learn, with Shaanxi as the training partner.

On 14 November, Adeang and his two daughters laid a flower basket at the Mausoleum of the Yellow Emperor, the legendary ancestor of the Chinese nation. The embassy and the *Global Times* both said he was the first foreign leader to do so. The embassy's post tied the visit to more than a century of Chinese settlement in Naoero. The *Global Times* noted that some of Adeang's ancestors left Jiangmen, Guangdong, in the 19th century.

Media and Infrastructure Minister Shadlog Bernicke preceded Adeang to China. He led a delegation to the 7th World Media Summit in Beijing (5–9 November). The Naoero government said Xinhua "supported and facilitated" the delegation's participation. On 6 November, Bernicke met China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) Vice President Xie Ke, and CMEC agreed to begin a feasibility study on the Naoero Utilities Corporation's infrastructure needs.

Supporting Events

- **Naoero:** Chargé Wang Sees Off President Adeang
- **Naoero:** Adeang Arrives in Xi'an
- **Naoero:** Adeang Tours Xi'an TCM Hospital
- **Naoero:** Adeang Meets Zhao Yide, Unveils TCM Training Center
- **Naoero:** Adeang Lays Flower Basket for the Yellow Emperor
- **Naoero:** Bernicke Leads Delegation to World Media Summit
- **Naoero:** Bernicke Delegation Meets CMEC in Beijing

Learning from the Party

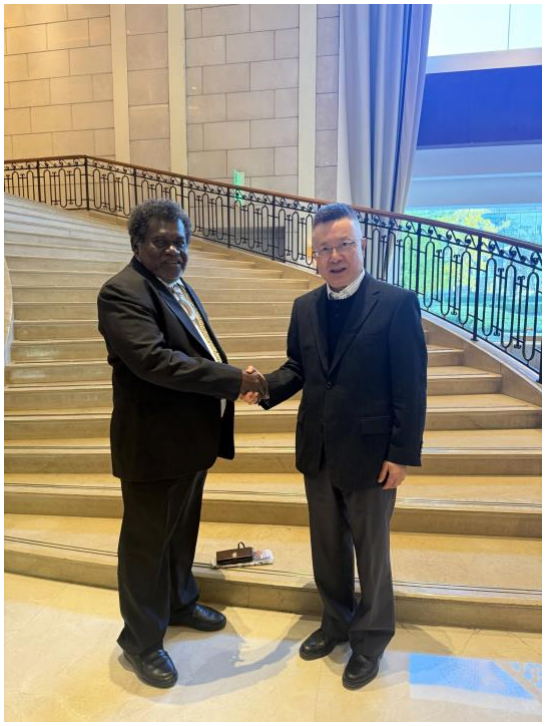


The Naoero delegation at the stage show "Yan'an, Yan'an." (Source: Naoero Government Facebook)

Adeang's itinerary included sites from CCP history. On 14 November, he visited the Yangjialing Revolutionary Site, the CCP Central Committee's wartime headquarters, and Baota Mountain, whose pagoda the Naoero government called a "symbol of the Chinese Revolution." That evening, the delegation watched "Yan'an, Yan'an," a stage production the Naoero government said showcased "China's remarkable revolutionary history." On 15 November, he visited Liangjiahe, the village where Xi Jinping spent nearly seven years as an "educated youth." The *Global Times* reported that Adeang's hosts told him Xi's efforts had transformed the local economy.

The CCP uses these sites to teach its cadres. Yan'an hosts one of China's three national executive leadership academies; the Pudong academy, where 23 Fijian officials trained in September, is another. In May, Tonga's parliamentary delegation visited Zhengding, where Xi served in the early 1980s. The Naoero government's readout said Adeang admired the "determination, unity and sacrifices of the Chinese people" and Yan'an's role in shaping modern China. The *Global Times* reported that the tour deepened his understanding of "the Chinese system."

John Dean Kuku led Solomon Islands party representatives from the governing GREAT coalition to China, where they met Special Envoy for Pacific Island Countries Qian Bo and ILD Deputy Director General Zhao Hongtao. Kuku said one-on-one discussions with CCP members would help the parties learn from the CCP and explore ways to develop local party structures in Solomon Islands. Delegates expressed interest in memorandums of understanding (MOUs) between the CCP and Solomon Islands parties and discussed training for party members. Zhao said the ILD would send experts to Solomon Islands to engage the parties.



John Dean Kuku meets Special Envoy Qian Bo. (Source: PRC Embassy in Solomon Islands Facebook)

The party channel runs alongside the state relationship and operates on different terms. The ILD works with parties and, where parties are weak, with individual politicians, as with Tonga's parliamentary delegation in May. It offers help with how parties organize and train members. Since July, this monitor has recorded:

- The first ILD delegation to a Pacific Island country this monitor has recorded, in Honiara, where Zhao offered to "support party development in the Solomon Islands"
- Ambassador Li Minggang's exchanges with two Vanuatu parties
- The sixth China–Pacific Island Countries Political Leadership Dialogue in October, where the CCP signed an MOU establishing relations with Pangu Pati, PNG's ruling party

The Solomon Islands delegates are now asking for the same kind of MOU.

Ambassadors' briefings carried the same Party themes. Chinese ambassadors briefed the Fifth Plenum in six of the nine ambassador-level engagements recorded this week, four of them with government counterparts. Kiribati Communications Minister Alexander Teabo expressed readiness to "learn from China's governance experience," and Vanuatu Foreign Minister Marc Ati pledged to "resist external interference." According to the Chinese embassy, Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka praised China's achievements "under the great leadership of President Xi Jinping." Two days later, at the groundbreaking of the China-funded Vunikura Jetty, he credited "President Xi Jinping's philosophy on poverty reduction and alleviation," the embassy reported.

Supporting Events

- **Naoero:** Adeang Tours Yangjialing and Baota Mountain
- **Naoero:** Global Times: Adeang Visits Liangjiahe
- **Solomon Islands:** Kuku-Led Party Delegation Meets Qian Bo and ILD
- **Kiribati:** Yao Meets Minister Teabo
- **Kiribati:** Yao Meets Minister Tarati
- **Vanuatu:** Li Meets Foreign Minister Ati
- **Vanuatu:** Li Meets MSG Director-General Naupa
- **Fiji:** Chen Calls on Prime Minister Rabuka
- **Fiji:** Vunikura Jetty Groundbreaking

Classrooms, Clinics, and Police Teams



Solomon Islands participants and organizers at the closing ceremony of the MOFCOM tourism seminar in Beijing. (Source: PRC Embassy in Solomon Islands Facebook)

Two programs run by China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) trained Solomon Islands officials in late October. Solomon Islands fisheries officers attended a fisheries governance workshop. The Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources said MOFCOM funded it under the Global Development Initiative (GDI). The curriculum covered distant-water fisheries and deep-sea aquaculture. A two-week tourism seminar for Pacific Island countries included national and provincial tourism officers, Solomon Airlines, the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce, and three private operators. Participants also traveled to Hainan for a study visit.

The Chinese embassy and the Solomon Islands Commerce Ministry supported a noni juice exporter's trip to the China International Import Expo. The exporter agreed to pursue an MOU with a Shanghai firm for an initial 19-tonne shipment in 2027. In Xiamen, Tongan Environment Ministry CEO Sione 'Akau'ola viewed the city's bid to host the High Seas Treaty (BBNJ) Secretariat, days after Belgium and Chile merged their rival bids.

On 10 November, PNG farewelled the 15th China Medical Team, which treated more than 10,000 patients at Port Moresby General Hospital and ran 24 Chinese-language

sessions for local staff. PNG Health Secretary Pascoe Kase said he supported expanding the program to provincial hospitals, including Goroka. In Tarawa, the Chinese embassy and Kiribati Police Service held a friendship event for the seventh Chinese Police Advisory Team, led by Liu Feng.

Supporting Events

- **Solomon Islands:** MFMR Officers Complete Fisheries Workshop
- **Solomon Islands:** Delegation Completes PIC Tourism Seminar
- **Solomon Islands:** Noni Juice Exporter Courts Chinese Buyer at CIIE
- **Tonga:** MEIDECC CEO Views Xiamen BBNJ Bid
- **Samoa:** Taizhou Polytechnic Concludes Python Training at NUS
- **Papua New Guinea:** PMGH Farewells 15th China Medical Team
- **Kiribati:** Friendship Event with 7th Police Advisory Team