

ENDS TWO-YEAR DELAY

Eric Garcetti sworn in as US ambassador to India

The position was vacant since January 2021

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ERIC GARCETTI, PRESIDENT Joe Biden's close aide, was officially sworn in as the US Ambassador to India by US Vice-President Kamala Harris, ending over two years of delay to fill one of Washington's most critical diplomatic positions.



Eric Garcetti with his daughter Maya Garcetti. He was sworn in as ambassador to India by US Vice-President Kamala Harris in the White House complex in Washington

Garcetti's daughter Maya held the Hebrew Bible during the swearing-in ceremony, which was presided by Vice-President Harris. Garcetti raised his right hand while Harris performed the ceremony, and family members cheered when the two longtime friends shook hands. The ceremony was attended by his close family members, including wife Amy Wakeland, father Gil Garcetti, mother Sukey Garcetti and mother-in-law Dee Wakeland. "It feels great. Can't wait to serve," Garcetti, 52, said when asked about his new diplomatic assignment. "I'm so honoured the vice president did this," he said.

Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff also attended the event. Former Mayor of Los Angeles Garcetti's nomination was pending before the US Congress since July 2021 when he was nominated by President Biden.

The Senate voted 52 to 42 to confirm Garcetti earlier this month after his nomination stalled amid concerns by some lawmakers that he had not adequately handled allegations of sexual assault and harassment against a former senior adviser. Garcetti's nomination was

not brought to the Senate floor for a vote during the last Congress as the ruling Democratic Party did not have enough support to get him through. President Biden renominated him to the same position in January this year.

Garcetti supporters argued that geopolitical concerns were too important to leave India without an ambassador. The US Embassy in India has been without an ambassador since January 2021, the longest stretch in the history of US-India relations that the post has

been vacant, since Kenneth Juster, the last US envoy in New Delhi, stepped down after the change of government in America. Biden has sought to bolster economic ties with India as he looks to counter China's growing influence in the region and shore up support for Ukraine against continued Russian aggression. India has not explicitly condemned Russia's invasion and has continued to buy cheap gas from Moscow. Asked when he plans to travel to India, Garcetti said: "Hopefully as soon as I can."

Germany, EU reach agreement in combustion engine row

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GERMANY AND THE European Union announced on Saturday that they have reached an agreement in their dispute over the future of cars with combustion engines, allowing the registration of new vehicles with such engines even after 2035 provided they use climate-neutral fuel only.

EU Commission vice-president Frans Timmermans tweeted that "we have found an agreement with Germany on the future use of e-fuels in cars." German transport minister Volker Wissing tweeted that the way had been cleared for vehicles with internal combustion engines that only use climate-neutral fuels to be newly registered even after 2035.

Apple CEO praises China's innovation, long history of cooperation on Beijing visit

REUTERS Shanghai, March 25

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Cook is in Beijing to attend the China Development Forum, a government-organised event being held again in full force after the country ended its Covid controls late last year.

Besides Cook, the event is



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being attended by senior government officials as well as CEOs of firms such as Pfizer and BHP.

"Innovation is developing rapidly in China and I believe it will further accelerate," Cook was quoted by The Paper news outlet as saying.

His visit comes at a time of

rising tensions between Beijing and Washington and as Apple has been looking to reduce its supply chain reliance on China and moving production to new up and coming centres such as India.

Last year, production at the world's largest iPhone factory run by Apple supplier Foxconn was heavily disrupted after China's zero-Covid policies fuelled worker unrest.

Cook also visited an Apple Store in Beijing, pictures of which went viral on Chinese social media. During his speech, Cook also discussed education and the need for young people to learn programming critical thinking skills, announcing that Apple plans to increase spending on its rural education programme to 100 million yuan, the local media reports said.

Africa in the dark as power shortage stalls growth

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FROM ZIMBABWE, WHERE many must work at night because it's the only time there is power, to Nigeria where collapses of the grid are frequent, the reliable supply of electricity remains elusive across Africa. The electricity shortages that plague many of Africa's 54 countries are a serious drain on the continent's economic growth, energy experts warn.



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In recent years South Africa's power generation has become so inadequate that the continent's most developed economy must cope with rolling power blackouts of eight to 10 hours per day. Africa's sprawling cities have erratic supplies of electricity but large swaths of the continent's rural areas have no power at all. In 2021, 43% of Africans — about 600 million people — lacked access to electricity with 590 million of them in sub-Saharan Africa, according to the International Energy Agency.

Investments of nearly \$20 billion are required annually to achieve universal electrification across sub-Saharan Africa, according to World Bank estimates. Of that figure nearly \$10 billion is needed annually bring power and keep it on in West and Central Africa. There are many reasons for Africa's dire delivery of electricity including ageing infrastructure, lack of government oversight and a shortage of skills to maintain the national grids, according to Andrew Lawrence, an energy expert at the Witwatersrand University Business School in Johannesburg. A historical problem is that many colonial regimes built electrical systems largely reserved for the minority white population and which excluded large parts of the Black population.

Today many African countries rely on state-owned power utilities. Much attention has focused in the past two years on the Western-funded "Just Energy Transition," in which France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union are offering funds to help poorer countries move from highly polluting coal-fired power generation to renewable, environmentally-friendly sources of power. Africa as a region should be among the major beneficiaries in order to expand electricity access on the continent and improve the struggling power grids, said Lawrence.

"The transition should target rural access and place at the forefront the electrifica-

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World can't afford US-China conflict, says Singapore PM

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SINGAPORE'S PRIME MINISTER Lee Hsien Loong sounded the alarm over worsening relations between the US and China, particularly as China's political and economic clout in the world grows. "The world cannot afford a

conflict between China and the rest of the world, and in particular between China and the US," Lee said in an interview with Chinese broadcaster CCTV earlier this month, the transcript of which was released by the prime minister's office Saturday. China "is much more prosperous, contribution to the world economy is much

more, and its voice in international affairs is much more," Lee added. US officials now expect that a phone call between Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping won't happen as soon as they had hoped, people familiar with the matter have said. That reflects the broader deterioration in the two countries' relationship after a string of

crises in recent months that has given rise to increasingly aggressive rhetoric on both sides. "I think you have to take things step by step, and stabilise the relations and then gradually build trust, and gradually try to move forward," Lee said in the interview. "But it will take time. It is not easy and there are political pressures on both sides."

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