

# Comments on UAE-China economic linkages & prospects in The National, 28 May 2024

Dr. Nasser Saidi's comments appeared in an article in The National titled "[Trade deals and tech in focus as President Sheikh Mohamed visits China and South Korea](#)" published on 28th May 2024.

The comments are posted below.

*"Energy remains at the heart of the UAE's burgeoning relation with China, though in recent years it has extended beyond," Nasser Saidi, Lebanon's former economy minister, told The National.*

*The UAE could benefit from linking its financial markets to Shanghai and Hong Kong, greatly helping financial flows, Mr Saidi said.*

*Potential linkages could also include the adoption of yuan for trade and the extension of China's Cross-Border Interbank Payment System, which is considered an alternative to the SWIFT payment system, he added.*