

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
August 10, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of August, 2007

Commission File Number 1-14966

**CNOOC Limited**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

65<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bank of China Tower  
One Garden Road  
Central, Hong Kong  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**CNOOC Limited**

By: /s/ Kang Xin  
Name: Kang Xin  
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: August 10, 2007

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 99.1               | Press release dated August 9, 2007, entitled “CNOOC Ltd. Fully Supports Hong Kong Visit of China Deep-sea Research Vessel 'Dayang Yihao’”. |

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***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**CNOOC Ltd. Fully Supports Hong Kong Visit of**

**China Deep-sea Research Vessel “Dayang Yihao”**

(Hong Kong, 9 August 2007) A three-day visit of Dayang Yihao, China’s state-of-art research vessel, solely sponsored by CNOOC Limited (NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 883, "the Company") will kick off tomorrow.

Dayang Yihao is the only deep-sea research vessel in China, and also one of the world’s most advanced research vessels. Equipped with world-class facilities and a team of top marine scientists, Dayang Yihao is designated to carry out scientific research at water depth of over a few thousand meters. At the invitation of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and with the full support of CNOOC Ltd, Dayang Yihao has arrived in Hong Kong and will be open for public visit from 10 to 12 August 2007.

“As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to China, CNOOC Ltd. is very proud to participate in this significant event as Title Sponsor. We always believe fulfilling our corporate social responsibility and developing in tandem with the community is very important for our long-term growth. We also hope that this event will provide an opportunity for us to work closely with members of the education, science and technology arenas, so that we can gain better support from society in our exploration of the undersea world,” commented Mr. Fu Chengyu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

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**Notes to Editors:**

**More information about the Company is available at <http://www.cnooc.com.cn>.**

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