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Yangtze Mega Waterway Groundbreaking

China officially broke ground on the 77.2-billion-yuan (11.3 billion USD) Three Gorges new waterway project in June 2026. This massive engineering undertaking will construct a five-tier, dual-track ship lock north of the existing structure. Designed to accommodate 10,000-ton vessels, the expansion aims to nearly double the river's annual shipping capacity eliminating major logistics bottlenecks along the Yangtze River Economic Belt. **(Xinhua)**

The "Six Networks" Infrastructure Initiative

In May 2026, China's National Development and Reform Commission launched the "Six Networks" initiative to stabilize domestic economic growth. The strategy prioritizes modernizing water networks, ultra-high voltage power grids, computing hubs, next-generation communication lines, urban underground pipelines, and logistics networks to significantly bolster long-term strategic economic security. **(China Daily)**

CR450 Ultra-High-Speed Train Rollout

Under the newly submitted 15th Five-Year Plan blueprint (2026–2030), China announced the operational deployment of its next-generation CR450 bullet trains following successful trials. This advanced high-speed rail development represents a major step forward in domestic industrial infrastructure, drastically shortening travel times between the country's major economic clusters and core megacities. **(Xinhua)**

Tibet-Guangdong Ultra-High Voltage Project

Construction is advancing rapidly on the 2,681-kilometer Tibet-Guangdong Ultra-High Voltage Direct Current Project. Dubbed the "Electricity Sky Road," this system crosses extreme altitudes over the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. It is designed to transmit 43 billion kilowatt-hours of clean solar and hydro power annually to southern China, alleviating regional power shortages while replacing 12 million tons of standard coal consumption. **(Xinhua)**

Shanghai-Ningbo Cross-Sea Passage

Preparations advanced in 2026 for the Shanghai-Ningbo Cross-Sea Passage, a massive 70-kilometer transport corridor designed to be longer than the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. The mega-project will slash travel times across the Yangtze River Delta from 2.5 hours to just 30 minutes, directly linking the world-class ports of Yangshan and Zhoushan. **(China Daily)**