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Green shift injects new development impetus

During the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-25), China built the world's largest and fastest-growing renewable energy system, with the proportion of installed renewable energy capacity increasing from 40% to around 60%. According to the National Energy Administration, as of the end of 2025, China's total installed renewable energy capacity reached 2.34 billion kilowatts. **(Xinhua)**

Agreement signed to assist in elevating Shanghai's international shipping center

A new cooperative agreement was inked between China Eastern Airlines Corp Ltd and China Railway Shanghai Group Co Ltd in Shanghai, marking the two parties' latest efforts to facilitate the upgrading of Shanghai's international shipping center. The agreement aims to help build a world-class Yangtze River Delta city cluster and provide replicable experiences for transportation across the country. **(China Daily)**

China's railway construction gains steady momentum in Q1

In the first three months of 2026, China's railways completed 137.9 billion yuan (\$20.09 billion) in fixed-asset investment, a year-on-year increase of 5.1%. A series of key railway projects, including the Xi'an-Shiyan high-speed railway and the Shandong section of the Xiong'an-Shangqiu high-speed railway, have achieved significant progress since the start of the year. **(Xinhua)**

The railway construction has been advancing with high quality

China State Railway Group Co Ltd announced that railway construction has been advancing with high quality and efficiency in the first quarter of this year, laying a solid foundation for the full-year goals and injecting new vitality into economic and social development. China will continue to push forward national key railway projects in 2026, with more than 2,000 kilometers of new national railway lines to be put into service. **(Xinhua)**

February 2026 Lifting Platform Rental Prosperity Index

The occupancy rate index for lifting platforms in February 2026 was 204 points, a decrease of 65.2% month-on-month and 45.7% year-on-year. Due to the different dates of the Spring Festival holiday each year, the data for January and February varies significantly. The month-on-month occupancy rate index for all models showed a decline in February, with machines over 40m experiencing the largest drop at 76.8%. **(China Construction Machinery Industry Association Construction Machinery Leasing Branch)**