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Tunnel Excavation Begins on €4.23 Billion Central Asian Railway Project

Construction on the €4.23 billion (\$4.7 billion) China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan railway reached a key milestone in September 2026 with the first tunnel excavation along its Kyrgyz section. Spanning over 500 kilometers, the cross-border rail corridor connects Xinjiang to Central Asian transport hubs, establishing a vital strategic logistics link and reducing Eurasian freight transit times. **(China Daily)**

Beijing to Host 23rd China Housing Expo Focusing on Green Construction

The 23rd China Housing Expo will take place in Beijing from October 15 to 17. Focused on technology-driven quality housing and low-carbon living, the event highlights prefabricated construction, intelligent building systems, zero-carbon structures, and urban renewal. Organized under government guidance, it showcases advanced technologies supporting China's transition toward greener, more efficient construction standards. **(China Daily)**

China Shifts Real Estate Focus Toward Commercial Urban Renewal

China's real estate sector is pivoting from construction-led expansion toward managing existing commercial assets and urban renewal under the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026–30). With nationwide office vacancy rates reaching 26.7%, policymakers are prioritizing the transformation of underutilized commercial spaces to support high-tech industries, expand domestic consumption, and drive high-quality urban development. **(China Daily)**

China Accelerates National Policy Framework for Quality Housing

China is advancing property sector modernization through national policies that promote safe, green, and smart "quality homes". Aligned with the State Council's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026–30) urban renewal framework, government initiatives prioritize intelligent construction, ultra-low-energy buildings and structural upgrades. These measures aim to stabilize real estate while driving sustainable urban development. **(China Daily)**

All Main Towers Completed for Hangzhou Bay Cross-Sea Railway Bridge

All seven main towers of the 29.2-kilometer Hangzhou Bay Cross-Sea Railway Bridge were successfully topped out on September 3, 2026. A crucial segment of the Nantong-Suzhou-Jiaxing-Ningbo High-Speed Railway, the double-track bridge is designed for train speeds of 350 km/h, marking a key structural milestone in East China's coastal railway infrastructure network. **(Xinhua)**