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Guangzhou Metro Secures Rail Infrastructure Contract in Malaysia
Guangdong Intercity Railway Operation, a subsidiary of Guangzhou Metro Group, has signed an infrastructure maintenance contract for the Maran section of Malaysia's 665-kilometer East Coast Rail Link. The partnership provides long-term operations and local skills training, expanding China's rail transit engineering expertise under the Belt and Road Initiative. **(China Daily)**

Greater Bay Area Mega-Crossing Slashes Regional Travel Times
The 24-kilometer Shenzhen-Zhongshan Link, constructed with an investment of approximately €5.9 billion (46 billion yuan), marks a breakthrough in cross-sea infrastructure. Featuring the world's longest underwater steel-shell tube tunnel and twin suspension bridges, the corridor cuts intercity travel times from two hours to thirty minutes, boosting Pearl River Delta integration. **(China Daily)**

China Accelerates National Power Grid Infrastructure Expansion
State Grid Corporation has accelerated construction on major ultra-high-voltage (UHV) direct-current transmission projects, including the Shaanxi-Anhui line representing an investment of roughly €2.6 billion (20.5 billion yuan). The cross-provincial infrastructure connects western renewable energy bases with eastern load centers, reinforcing grid stability and decarbonization across key industrial zones. **(China Daily)**

World's Largest Rail Shield Machine Advances Yangtze River Tunnel
Construction has reached pivotal milestones on the Chongming Yangtze River Tunnel, a key section of the Shanghai-Chongqing-Chengdu High-Speed Railway. With regional segment investments exceeding €5.1 billion (40 billion yuan), the mega-infrastructure project employs an ultra-large 14.8-meter diameter shield machine to build China's longest undersea-depth railway tunnel. **(Xinhua)**

Chinese Universities Shift Campus Infrastructure to AI Computing
Chinese universities are rapidly transforming institutional infrastructure, shifting focus from traditional facilities like libraries and gymnasiums to data centers and computing platforms. Key institutions including Tongji University and USTC now deploy massive AI computing networks as essential campus utilities, redefining educational facilities and technological foundations for modern academic talent. **(China Daily)**