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29 December 2025 - 4 January 2026**China's First Mass-Production Bio-Methanol Project Officially Commences Production**

On December 16, 2025, China's first mass-production bio-methanol project officially commenced operation. The project has established the first green methanol "production-storage-transportation-use" supply chain ecosystem in South China and is also the closest domestic green methanol export point to international ports such as Singapore. (**ChemNet Chemical Industry Headlines**)

A Wave of Mergers and Acquisitions in the Chemical Industry Expected in 2025

On December 22-23, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC) held a meeting of heads of central enterprises, clarifying that in 2026, central enterprises will vigorously promote strategic restructuring and high-quality mergers and acquisitions. Under this policy guidance, the restructuring and consolidation trend in the chemical industry is active in 2025. (**ChemNet Chemical Industry Headlines**)

China has a dedicated law for the safety management of hazardous chemicals

The Standing Committee of the 14th National People's Congress passed the "Law of the People's Republic of China on the Safety of Hazardous Chemicals" on Dec. 27, which will come into effect on May 1, 2026. This law aims to strengthen the safety management of hazardous chemicals, prevent and reduce hazardous chemical accidents, protect the health and safety of the people and protect the ecological environment. (**Xinhua**)

Shanghai Hutchison Pharmaceuticals marks milestone with TCM export to Canada

Shanghai Hutchison Pharmaceuticals has marked a milestone with its first export of Zhengqi Tablets to Canada, advancing the global expansion of TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine). The product, known as "Henergy" in Canada, is based on a refined Song Dynasty formula for treating gastrointestinal issues. This export represents a significant step in introducing a classic TCM preparation to international markets. (**China Daily**)

China's pharmaceutical industry now 2nd-largest in world

China's pharmaceutical industry has become the world's second largest. The sector now accounts for approximately 30% of global innovative drugs in research. This milestone reflects the industry's substantial growth and expanding role in global drug development. The achievement underscores China's significant contribution to pharmaceutical innovation worldwide. (**National Medical Products Administration**)