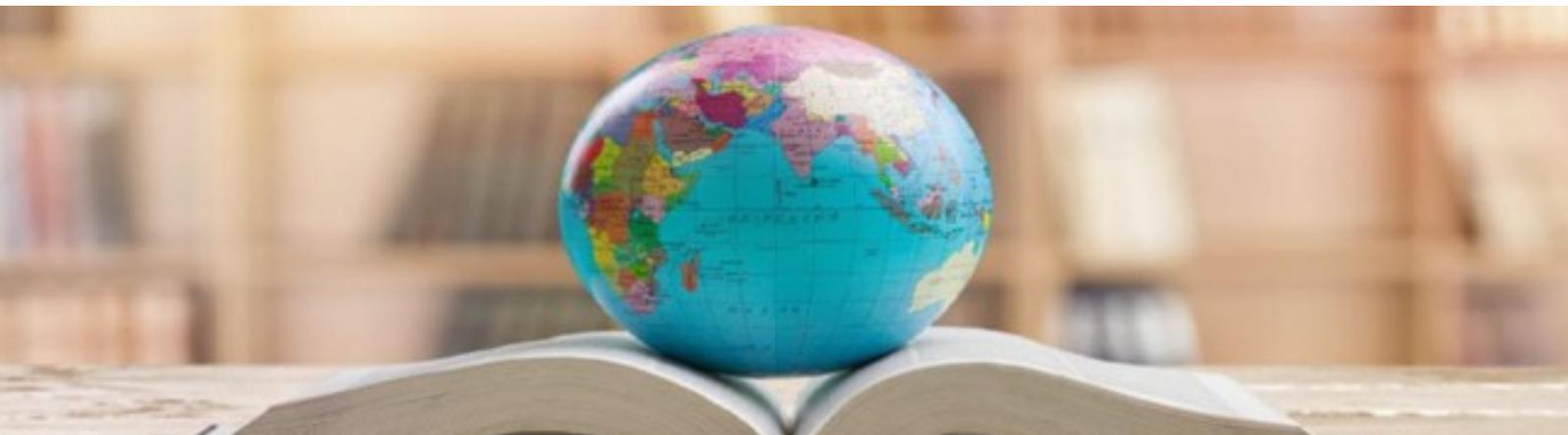


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AI literacy becomes mandatory across all grade levels

China will mandate at least 8 hours of AI literacy instruction annually for all students from first grade through university starting September 2025. The policy aims to cultivate digitally fluent learners equipped for machine learning and robotics sectors. Curriculum tiers range from coding games in primary grades to algorithm ethics at higher levels. Over 500,000 teachers require rapid upskilling to implement this national transformation. **(Ministry of Education)**

Smart Education Platform achieves global scale

China's Smart Education of China platform has become the world's largest digital education resource center with over 72.6 billion total visits, hosting 130,000+ primary and secondary resources, 12,500 vocational courses, and 145,000 higher education courses. It serves 178 million users across 200+ countries with 52 million daily visits and offers over 1,000 AI courses spanning basic, vocational, higher and lifelong education. **(Ministry of Education)**

International student strategy shifts from quantity to quality

China is repositioning its international education approach under the 2024–2035 Master Plan on Building a Leading Country in Education, emphasizing the "Study in China" brand while expanding youth exchanges and global Chinese language education. By 2024, 22 Chinese universities had established 27 overseas campuses, and over 200 vocational colleges launched 400+ international collaborations in 70 countries. **(Boston College, IHE)**

184 schools designated as national AI education bases

The Ministry of Education selected 184 primary and secondary schools as AI education bases in 2024 to pilot artificial intelligence integration. By 2030, AI education will cover all primary and secondary schools nationwide, with AI becoming integral to textbooks, exams and classrooms by 2035. China ranks 6th globally in digital education development as of 2025, rising from 24th in 2023. **(World Education Blog, Xinhua)**