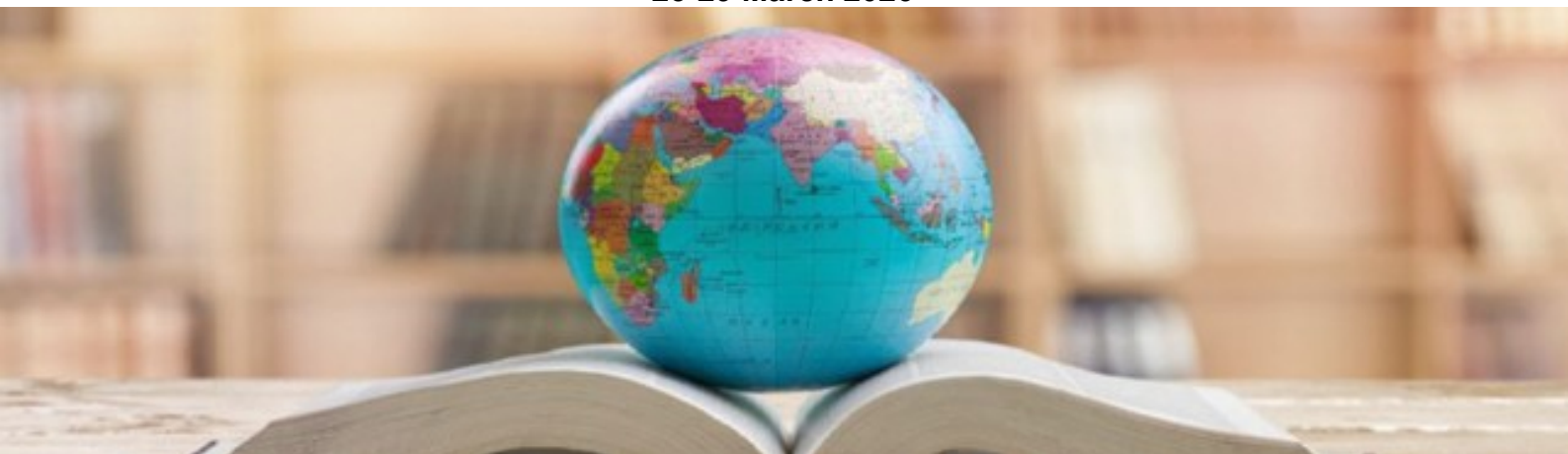


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Free Preschool Education Benefits 14 Million Children

China's free one-year preschool education policy benefited approximately 14 million children in 2025, significantly reducing family education costs and improving educational equity. The policy represents a major breakthrough in providing inclusive quality education public services, with preschool gross enrollment rate reaching 92.9%, exceeding the OECD average of 84.7%. **(Xinhua)**

China's Postgraduate Education Expands in 2025

According to the data released by National Bureau of Statistics, as China accelerates high-skilled talent cultivation, in 2025, the number of postgraduate enrollments reached 1.438 million, an increase of 3.2% year-on-year. The number of postgraduate students in active programs was 4.3 million. The number of graduates totaled 1.167million. **(news.eol.cn)**

China's High School Entrance Exam Reform Expands in 2027

As China advances education quality and equity, several regions, Jilin Province and others, have announced plans to reduce the number of scored subjects in the senior high school entrance examination starting from 2027. Biology and geography will be removed from the total score calculation. The reform aims to alleviate academic burden on junior high school students. **(Sohu.com)**

China Expands Higher Education Capacity and Global Partnerships

Over the past five years, China has expanded its higher education infrastructure by adding 18 new regular undergraduate institutions and 70 vocational undergraduate colleges, resulting in an increase of 700,000 undergraduate enrollment places. China has also accelerated international academic cooperation, establishing over 540 new Sino-foreign cooperative education institutions and programs. **(china.com.cn)**

China's Graduate Surge Hits Record 12.22 Million in 2025

The number of college graduates in China is expected to reach 12.22 million in 2025, marking an increase of 430,000 from the previous year and setting a new historical record. Over the past decade, the graduate population has nearly doubled, rising from 6.594 million in 2014. This sustained expansion reflects the rapid growth of China's higher education system. **(Shanghai Ranking)**