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China's Special Education Sector Expands with Rising Enrollment

China enrolled 164,000 new students in special education programs in 2025, while total student enrollment reached 927,000 and 184,000 students graduated. The steady growth reflects the government's continued commitment to inclusive education for students with disabilities. Education officials emphasize that expanding special education capacity remains a priority to ensure equitable learning opportunities for all children. **(China Education online)**

China's Graduate Job Market Hits Record 12.7 Million in 2026 Amid Service Sector Boom

China's graduate pool is expected to reach 12.7 million this year, marking the fifth consecutive year above 10 million. The expanding modern service industry is emerging as a critical employment growth engine, with new job postings in emerging sectors surging 15.1% year-over-year in 2025. High-growth roles include pet care specialists (up 67.9%), patient escorts (30.7%), signaling robust diversification in service sector opportunities. **(Sina.cn)**

China Boosts Preschool Education Funding by 37.8% to Back Free Final Year

China has increased funding for preschool education development by 37.8% in 2026 to ensure the smooth rollout of tuition-free final-year programs. The substantial budget hike supports the government's initiative to make the last year of kindergarten free for all families starting this autumn. This move underscores Beijing's commitment to expanding accessible, quality early childhood education across the country. **(China Education online)**

China's Maternity and Early Education Market to Hit 520 Billion Yuan

China's maternity and early education sector is projected to reach 520 billion yuan in 2026, marking an 11.3% year-over-year increase. The robust growth reflects rising parental investment in early childhood development and expanding service offerings nationwide. Demand for quality infant care and educational programs continues to surge despite demographic headwinds. **(Sohu.com)**