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China Chunlai to Acquire Dublin Business School for \$127.5 Million

China Chunlai Education Group has conditionally agreed to acquire the operator of Dublin Business School from Kaplan International for \$127.5 million (approximately HK\$1 billion). The August 5 agreement, which includes the transfer of related intellectual property, aims to expand the company's overseas higher education footprint by adding the accredited Irish institution's bachelor's and master's degree programs to its portfolio. **(Sina)**

Keystone Academy Tops Hurun China International Schools Ranking 2026

Beijing's Keystone Academy ranked No. 1 for the first time in the Hurun Education Top International Schools in China 2026, dethroning Shanghai's YK Pao School. Shanghai led all Chinese cities with 42 listed schools, followed by Beijing (34) and Shenzhen/Guangzhou (12 each). The report also highlighted rising interest in regional study hubs like Hong Kong and Singapore alongside AI adoption in schools. **(Sohu)**

Shenzhen Hosts UNESCO Asia-Africa Youth AI Education Forum

Co-hosted by UNESCO and Dianmao Technology, the Asia-Africa Youth AI Education and Innovation Ecosystem Forum was held in Shenzhen to advance cross-regional digital literacy. The event designated new AI education demonstration zones and pilot schools across China and abroad while kicking off the 2026 "Asia-Africa Youth AI China Trip," enabling international students to collaborate on multi-day AI projects. **(China.com)**

Ministry of Education Affiliated Universities Release 2025 Financial Statements

Financial disclosures from 75 universities directly affiliated with China's Ministry of Education show 24 institutions exceeded 10 billion yuan in total 2025 budget allocations. Tsinghua, Zhejiang, and Shanghai Jiao Tong universities topped the national rankings with total funds surpassing 30 billion yuan each, followed by Peking, Fudan, and Sun Yat-sen universities at over 20 billion yuan. **(Sohu)**

China Releases 8 Original Pedagogy and Psychology Textbooks

China's Ministry of Education has published eight original textbooks across pedagogy and psychology, authored by five universities under the nation's "New Era Series" key textbook project. Comprising five pedagogy and three psychology titles, the newly released materials aim to synthesize contemporary Chinese educational practices and build an autonomous national academic knowledge system. **(JYB.com)**