

## NEWSLETTER

### EDUCATION

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#### **China Kicks Off Vocational Education Week, Adds 38 New Undergraduate Majors**

China launched its 2026 Vocational Education Week on May 10 with 14 national-level activities and 120 sector-specific events, while the Ministry of Education added 38 new undergraduate majors including "Urban Renewal" to address a market of over 200,000 aging residential compounds needing renovation, with the new programs targeting talent gaps in strategic sectors. (<https://m.cyol.com>)

#### **China Launches Global AI Education Platform at World Digital Education Conference**

China unveiled a global AI education service platform expanding its Smart Education of China platform now accessible in around 220 countries and regions. The conference, themed "AI+Education: Transformation Development Governance," released the Global Digital Education Development Index 2026 covering 82 nations, up from 72 last year, and introduced the nation's first batch of higher-education AI agents. ([www.gov.cn](http://www.gov.cn))

#### **China's AI EdTech Market to Hit \$16.3B by 2034 on 38.9% Annual Growth**

China's AI education technology market, valued at \$846.1 million in 2025, is projected to reach \$16.25 billion by 2034 at a 38.87% compound annual growth rate, driven by government-mandated AI curriculum integration across all primary and secondary schools. A global survey shows 80% of Chinese students feel excited about AI in education, compared to just 35% in the United States. (IMARC)

#### **China Boosts Pre-school Funding by 38% to \$6.7 Billion**

China's Finance Ministry allocated 45.8 bn yuan (\$6.73 billion) for pre-school education in 2026 (+ 38% yoy), to support fee waivers and improve childcare quality nationwide. The funding surge aligns with the government's push to expand free preschool coverage under the 15th Five-Year Plan, aiming to ease financial burdens for millions of families and raise early childhood education standards across urban and rural areas.

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