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First Print Issue of China-Led Life Sciences Journal 'Vita' Published

The first print issue of *Vita*, a China-led life sciences journal series, was published on August 12. Developed by the Open Alliance for Life Sciences - comprising 39 institutions across Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macao - the publication aims to rival top global journals through a "main plus sub-journal" model. *Vita* also introduces an article-based evaluation system to assess quality rather than relying on traditional SCI metrics. **(Science Net)**

Guangxi Outlines 15th Five-Year Plan to Boost Higher Education

The Guangxi government has released its 15th Five-Year Plan for Education Development, aiming to push more university disciplines into China's national "Double First-Class" initiative. The plan outlines measures to expand undergraduate and postgraduate enrollments, strengthen support for Guangxi University, integrate "AI+" dual-degree programs, and build regional Engineer Academies with leading enterprises. **(GX news)**

NPU Beijing Research Institute Handed Over in Tongzhou

The Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU) Beijing Research Institute project was officially handed over in August, as the first project completed in the National Cybersecurity Industrial Park (Tongzhou). The facility features flexible spaces designed for cybersecurity innovation, enterprise incubation, and technology transfer in Beijing's Sub-Center. **(Tencent)**

Chongqing Unveils 15th Five-Year Plan to Boost Higher Education

Chongqing's 15th Five-Year Plan for Social Development (2026–2030) outlines new campuses for Chongqing University and Southwest University. The city aims to add two to three institutions to the national "Double First-Class" initiative and expand doctoral degree points to 155. Chongqing will also push for STEM, agriculture, and medical fields to account for 60% of total graduates. **(Sina)**

2026 Future Science Prize Laureates Announced

The 2026 Future Science Prize announced its laureates on August 13. Zhang Hong (Chinese Academy of Sciences) won the Life Science Prize for discoveries in multicellular autophagy. Zhao Dongyuan received the Physical Science Prize for pioneering mesoporous materials. Yuan Xinyi won the Mathematics and Computer Science Prize for foundational contributions to arithmetic geometry. **(Education Online)**