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China Officially Releases 11 New Occupations and 23 Job Types

China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security officially released 11 new occupations and 23 new job types on September 9, including embodied AI technicians, sports data analysts, and low-altitude logistics personnel. The additions include 5 digital and 3 green occupations, bringing China's totals to 113 digital and 142 green officially recognized occupations. **(Xinhua)**

Beihang Students Flight-Test China's First Student-Built Human-Powered Aircraft

A student team at Beihang University completed the maiden test flight of China's first student-designed and manufactured human-powered aircraft in Baotou, Inner Mongolia. Developed over four years, the pedal-driven plane features a 34-meter wingspan and a structural weight of just 34 kg, successfully validating its aerodynamic efficiency and lightweight transmission systems. **(Beihang University)**

Chinese Universities Expand Embodied AI Push via Industry Partnerships

Chinese universities are accelerating industry-academia collaboration in embodied AI. In September 2026, Shenzhen University of Advanced Technology and Tiangong University unveiled joint research labs with ROBODEEP and Little Prodigy for industrial assembly and mobile robotics. Meanwhile, Dalian Engineering University partnered with Unitree Robotics to open Northeast China's first Embodied AI Industry College. **(Education Online)**

China's Full-Time Teacher Workforce Contracts for Second Straight Year

China's total full-time teaching workforce fell by 150,000 year-on-year to 18.701 million in 2025, marking a second consecutive annual decline. Driven by falling birth rates and passing student demographic peaks, preschool and primary school sectors lost over 820,000 teachers combined over the past three years, with official forecasts anticipating a surplus of nearly 2 million teachers over the next decade. **(Education Online)**

Tsinghua Renames Institute for Advanced Study After Yang Chen-Ning

Tsinghua University officially unveiled the Yang Chen-Ning Institute for Advanced Study on September 5, formally renaming its Institute for Advanced Study in honor of the Nobel laureate. Attended by university leadership and Yang's wife Weng Fan, the renaming recognizes Yang's founding contributions to basic science and aims to preserve his legacy in fundamental physics research and talent cultivation. **(Tsinghua University)**