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Record 12,000+ Applicants Drive HK Student Surge to Mainland

Hong Kong students heading to mainland universities reached record levels this year, with HK applicants accounting for 85.6% of the over 12,000 Joint Entrance Examination candidates. Guangdong institutions dominated choices, taking seven of the top ten selected universities. Driven by opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, the total number of HK students enrolled at mainland universities climbed to 23,317. **(Global Times)**

China Claims 22 World #1 Discipline Titles in 2026 GRAS Rankings

Chinese mainland universities topped 22 disciplines in the 2026 ShanghaiRanking's GRAS, claiming its first-ever #1 spots in Natural Sciences. Total mainland entries surpassed 4,000 for the first time. Tsinghua University led China with 7 world #1 subjects (2nd globally behind Harvard), while Zhejiang University was the only institution worldwide to rank in all 57 subjects. **(Shanghai Ranking)**

Ministry of Education Approves New Public Vocational University in Guangxi

Guangxi Vocational and Technical University officially inaugurated on September 9 as a public undergraduate vocational school approved by the Ministry of Education. Upgraded from its predecessor college, it launched five initial bachelor's programs, including automation technology and data security. The institution focuses on an "agriculture-based, engineering-led" approach to support regional smart manufacturing and agriculture. **(Education Online)**

China to Expand Medical Undergraduate and Master's Enrollment

China's National Health Commission announced plans to expand enrollment for top medical undergraduate and master's programs over the next five years. At a 15th Five-Year Plan briefing, NHC Director Lei Haichao highlighted medical-education synergy, targeted rural training, and village doctor programs. The initiative will also reform compensation to improve healthcare workforce stability. **(CCTV)**

China to Expand Integrated Childcare to Lower Family Costs

China's National Health Commission will push integrated childcare services to reduce family rearing costs. At a September 14 briefing, NHC Director Lei Haichao urged communities and employers to offer convenient, affordable childcare facilities. The effort aims to boost enrollment rates and ease financial burdens on households nationwide. **(Pengpai News)**