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China Establishes National Data Vocational Education Steering Committee
China's Ministry of Education has established the National Data Vocational Education Teaching Steering Committee for the 2026–2030 term to advance digital talent cultivation. Comprising a chair, eight vice chairs, and a secretariat housed under the National Data Administration, the committee will strengthen industry guidance for data-focused vocational programs. **(Ministry of Education)**

USTB Launches China's First School of Science and Technology Law
The University of Science and Technology Beijing launched China's first School of Science and Technology Law in Xiong'an New Area on November 7. Blending law with engineering, the school targets strategic sectors including AI, autonomous driving, and critical minerals, initially offering an intellectual property undergraduate major backed by an industry-experienced faculty. **(CCTV)**

China Backs Brick-and-Mortar Bookstores to Boost Nationwide Reading
Eight Chinese authorities, including the Ministry of Education, have issued a joint notice supporting brick-and-mortar bookstores in advancing nationwide reading. The directive encourages bookstores to establish off-campus reading guidance classes and practice bases, while rolling out fiscal incentives, book vouchers, and rent reductions to bolster community cultural spaces. **(Xinhua)**

China Unveils University Enrollment Plan for Rural Revitalization
China's Ministry of Education and two other ministries have unveiled a special university enrollment plan for rural revitalization, taking effect in 2030 after a three-year transition. Replacing earlier rural admission schemes, the tiered initiative targets key assisted counties while enforcing strict three-year local residency and schooling requirements. **(Ministry of Education)**

China-Belarus University Alliance Holds Fourth Plenary Meeting
The China-Belarus University Alliance held its fourth plenary meeting in Shanghai on November 11, featuring video addresses from Chinese Education Minister Huai Jinpeng and Belarusian counterpart Andrei Ivanets. Participating universities reached multiple agreements on talent cultivation and joint research to foster a sustainable higher education ecosystem. **(Ministry of Education)**