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First International Vocational Education Standard Released in Six Languages
The *Beijing Protocol*, the world's first international vocational education standard spearheaded by China, has been published in full across six languages. Developed with input from over 70 countries, the framework establishes global quality benchmarks and has already spurred cooperation agreements with 15 nations across key industrial sectors. **(Ministry of Education)**

China Publishes First Original Textbooks in Philosophy and Sports Science
China's Ministry of Education has published 12 original textbooks compiled by nine universities, extending a national textbook project into philosophy and sports science for the first time. Also spanning journalism, education, and psychology, the volumes aim to advance an independent Chinese knowledge system across philosophy and social sciences. **(Ministry of Education)**

Chinese Schools and Kindergartens to Appoint Health Vice Principals
China's National Health Commission and three other agencies issued a joint directive on November 16 to appoint medical professionals as part-time health vice principals in schools and kindergartens. Backed by multidisciplinary hospital teams, they will provide regular on-site guidance and health education to advance student well-being. **(CCTV)**

2026 World Chinese Language Conference Held in Beijing
The 2026 World Chinese Language Conference held its plenary session in Beijing on November 13 under the theme "Chinese: More Than a Language," with Chinese Education Minister Huai Jinpeng delivering a keynote address. Global delegates discussed leveraging Chinese to advance cultural exchange, economic cooperation, and fairer global governance. **(Ministry of Education)**

China's 2027 Postgraduate Exam Applicants Reach 3.47 Million
A total of 3.47 million candidates have registered for China's 2027 National Postgraduate Entrance Examination on December 19–20, up 40,000 from last year. Ahead of the tests, the Ministry of Education and partner agencies convened a national meeting to tighten exam security, curb cheating, and bolster student services. **(Ministry of Education)**