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2025 China-Italy education cooperation dialogue at Nantong University

On October 24, 2025, Nantong University hosted the dialogue, launching three platforms: (i) Siena College of Future Biotechnology, (ii) China-Italy Center for Education & Culture, (iii) Innovation Base for Italian Language Talent Training. This creates openings for Italian SMEs and educational institutions in design and vocational training. **(China daily)**

Strengthening science education in primary and secondary schools

China's Ministry of Education has mandated that by 2035, all primary and secondary schools must strengthen their science education: each primary school must have at least one science teacher with a master's degree and a vice-principal dedicated to science, and science must be embedded in both the formal curriculum and extracurricular activities. **(Reuters)**

Promoting AI education in schools with guidelines

China issued two guideline documents to promote AI education in primary and secondary schools, aiming to build a tiered and spiraling general AI education system. The policy also restricts students' independent use of open-ended generative AI and prohibits teachers from using AI as a substitute for actual instruction. **(people.cn)**

Enhancing vocational skills for rural workers

China unveiled a plan with 14 specific tasks to improve rural workers' skills, boosting access to vocational education, job-seeking support, and entrepreneurship for about 300 million rural migrants, of whom nearly 100 million are expected to retire over the next decade, highlighting a significant upcoming demographic shift.. **(Reuters)**

Demographic pressures on kindergarten education

Between 2020 and 2024, China's kindergarten enrolments fell by around 25 % (12 million children), and over 41,500 kindergartens closed. This reflects demographic pressures on early-childhood education and highlights the urgent need for structural adjustment and reform in the sector, as policymakers confront rapidly shifting population realities. **(Financial times)**