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Chinese authorities unveil measures to strengthen national freight transport hubs

The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Transport of China announced that within three years starting from 2026, they will support about 30 cities and urban agglomerations in upgrading national comprehensive freight hubs, improving the transportation capacity of strategic materials and key industrial products, and building a safe, efficient, and internally connected logistics network. **(China Daily)**

Cross-border passenger service of China-Laos Railway marks 3 years

The travel time from Kunming to Vientiane has been shortened to less than 10 hours, with same-day delivery now available. As of 12 April 2026, cross-border passenger traffic exceeded 800,000. In the first quarter, cross-border passenger traffic reached 112,000, a year-on-year increase of 32.4%, with the daily growth rate four times that of 2023. **(Global Times)**

Streamlining cross-border vehicle exports

Horgos Port adopts the self-driving export model to promote automobile exports. In 2025, 450,000 cars will be exported, a year-on-year increase of 6.9%, and 201,000 new energy vehicles will be exported, a 66-fold increase from 2021. This model created 6,000 jobs, increased drivers' income by more than 31 million yuan (\$4.535 million), and saved companies more than 390 million yuan (\$57.06 million). **(China Daily)**

Tanker orders keep coming in, industry as a whole welcomes profit release

According to Clarkson Research, global new shipbuilding orders reached 17.58 million CGT in Q1 2026, a year-on-year increase of 40%. Among them, Chinese shipbuilders saw a 91% year-on-year increase in new orders, holding a 70% market share, ranking first globally. South Korean shipbuilders saw a 54% year-on-year increase in new orders, holding a 20% market share, ranking second globally. **(Sina Finance)**

China's first independently designed and built 180,000 cubic meter LNG carrier completed

On April 9, China's first 180,000 cubic meter liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier was built by China Merchants Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. Haimen Base. It has a total length of 298.8 meters and a width of 48 meters. It adopts a dual-fuel low-speed propulsion system and has the advantages of low evaporation rate and high environmental performance. **(CCTV News)**