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Northeast China's largest cross-sea bridge progresses as main pier platform linked

On January 9, 2026, the main pier steel trestle bridge of the Dalian Changhai Bridge, the largest cross-sea bridge in Northeast China, was successfully closed. The bridge has a total investment of 7.9 billion yuan (\$1.13 billion), a total length of 25.5 kilometers, and is built as a two-way four-lane bridge, connecting Pikou Street in Pulandian District with Dachangshan Island in Changhai County. **(China Daily)**

Rail reliability delivers steady success

China-Europe Railway Express is 50% faster than sea freight, with the number of trains further increased recently, with 17 trains departing weekly, further reducing transit time by over 30%. The range of goods has expanded to over 50,000 types, with auto parts, machinery, and electronic products accounting for over 60%. The online platform provides a one-stop service, covering 131 container yards in 17 countries. **(China Daily)**

Key inland port turns into global trade artery

Jining's Longgong Port (Shandong) became northern China's first inland port with 2025 cargo throughput over 100 million tons; container throughput hit 380,000 TEUs (YoY +69%). It uses smart equipment, integrates rail-water-sea transport (low costs), connects major regions, and aims to build a northern inland shipping center. **(China Daily)**

The railway sector reported strong performances

In 2025, the China-SCO local economic and trade cooperation demonstration zone in Qingdao, Shandong province, handled 1,225 China-Europe freight train trips, transporting 840,000 metric tons of goods. The number of train trips and freight volume each grew by over 20%, setting a record for the same period. To date, the zone operates 22 regular international freight train routes, connecting 54 cities in 23 countries. **(China Daily)**

Qingdao Port pushes intelligence deployment

Qingdao Port is a subsidiary of Shandong Port Group and one of the world's busiest maritime hubs. The port's newly developed Berth Planning Agent, an AI-powered system, now analyzes vessel schedules, tidal data and other operational constraints in real time. Within seconds, it generates the optimal berthing plan and sends synchronized instructions directly to port equipment and terminal systems. **(China Daily)**