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Geopolitics

### **China Calls for Multilateralism and Stronger Global South Voice at BRICS Security Advisers' Meeting in New Delhi**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended the 16th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives for National Security in New Delhi on 23 June, where members exchanged views on counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, energy and food security, and artificial intelligence governance ahead of the BRICS Summit. On the sidelines of the meeting, Wang held talks with Indian officials, discussing bilateral relations and regional cooperation. He called on BRICS countries to uphold multilateralism, reject unilateralism and protectionism, and strengthen the voice of the Global South in global affairs.

**Read More:**

- CGTN, 23 June 2026
- The Times of India, 24 June 2026

## **China Promotes Innovation and Global Cooperation at Summer Davos in Dalian**

Chinese Premier Li Qiang attended the opening plenary of the 17th Annual Meeting of the New Champions, or Summer Davos, in Dalian, northeast China, on 23 June under the theme ‘Innovation at Scale.’ The forum gathered over 1,700 participants from more than 90 countries and regions to discuss innovation and global cooperation. On the sidelines, Li held meetings with the prime ministers of the Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan and Mongolia on trade, connectivity and energy. He also rejected ‘China Shock 2.0’ narratives, framing China as a source of ‘China Opportunity 2.0.’

### **Read More:**

- Xinhua, 24 June 2026
- China Daily HK, 24 June 2026



## **National Politics**

### **Xi Makes East-West Cooperation Permanent After 30 Years, Elevating Fujian-Ningxia Pairing Model**

Conveyed at a national work conference that opened on 17 June in Yinchuan, capital of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, the directive binds the east-west pairing-assistance framework to the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) and holds up the Fujian-Ningxia model, through which Fujian provided 7.68 billion yuan in assistance funding and drew over 1,600 enterprises, lifting rural incomes from about 1,400 yuan in 1996 to more than 20,000 yuan in 2025.

### **Read More:**

- CGTN, 17 June 2026
- China Daily, 18 June 2026



## **Economy**

### **Three Chinese Ministries Unveil 15-Point Plan to Open Services, Finance and Pharma to Foreign Capital**

Developed jointly with 27 government departments for the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026–30) and released on 22 June, the package groups 15 measures across five areas – expanding market access, easing investment procedures and guaranteeing national treatment – as officials cited 533,000 foreign-invested enterprises by end-2025, average annual growth of 4.5%, and aggregate stock approaching US\$4 trillion.

**Read More:**

- [Global Times, 22 June 2026](#)
- [The State Council of China, 24 June 2026](#)

## **China's Combined Budget Deficit Narrows 4.1% in First Five Months Despite Weak Demand**

General public budget revenue rose 4 percent year-on-year to 10.0465 trillion yuan (US\$1.47 trillion) in the first five months of 2026, the Ministry of Finance reported, while expenditure grew just 0.8 percent and the combined shortfall across the two largest budgets shrank 4.1 percent to 3.16 trillion yuan (US\$466 billion) – its first decline since 2023 – as restraint proceeds despite soft demand.

**Read More:**

- [Xinhua, 22 June 2026](#)
- [China Daily, 22 June 2026](#)



## **Agriculture and Environment**

### **Wheat Harvest Tops 90% as Scientists Find MBS1 Protein Shielding Crops from Midday Yield Loss**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs reported that over 20 million hectares had been cut and per-unit yields would rise, declaring a bumper summer grain crop already assured, while researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences published findings in *Cell* on a protein, MBS1, that shields photosynthesis from the heat-and-light slump that can cut output by around 30%, pointing toward higher future yields and carbon fixation.

**Read More:**

- [Bastillepost, 17 June 2026](#)
- [Chinese Academy of Sciences, 22 June 2026](#)

### **Beijing Vows Continued Climate Leadership at 10th Ministerial as US Quits Paris Process**

Convening representatives from 30 governments in Brussels on 22 June to align priorities ahead of COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, the trilateral EU–Canada–China forum saw Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu reaffirm Beijing's resolve to anchor multilateral cooperation following Washington's exit from the Paris Agreement, stressing that over 130 countries have submitted their 2035 climate plans and the process 'will not come to a halt due to the absence of individual states'.

**Read More:**

- Modern Diplomacy, 22 June 2026
- Euneews, 22 June 2026



## Science and Technology

### **MWC Shanghai Opens as MIIT Targets Dual-Ten-Gigabit Networks and 6G by 2030**

Mobile technologies generated US \$1.5 trillion for China's economy in 2025 – about 7.2% of GDP – and are projected to reach US \$2.1 trillion by 2030, the GSMA's Mobile Economy China 2026 report found as Asia's largest connectivity event opened on 24 June, with the country already holding over 40% of global 5G connections, 5G-Advanced live across more than 330 cities and 5 million 5G base stations, as a government keynote charted the next infrastructure build-out.

#### **Read More:**

- People's Daily Online, 24 June 2026
- CGTN, 15 June 2026

### **China Telecom Links Photonic Quantum Computer to Tianyan Cloud in Claimed World First**

Controlling 2,682 photons, the newly operational Tianyan-P2000 – announced on 24 June 2026 and built on the same architecture as the Jiuzhang 4.0 prototype – completed a benchmark task in 29 microseconds that developers say classical supercomputers would need an estimated 16 billion years to finish, a claim its makers limit to a narrow class of problems rather than general-purpose computing, while the platform reports over 50 million visits from more than 60 countries.

#### **Read More:**

- China Daily, 24 June 2026



## People's Life and Culture

### **State Tightens Infant-Product Oversight, Launching Multi-Agency Probe into Baby Diaper Safety**

After Sanlu Group's melamine-tainted formula killed six infants in 2008, China enacted its first Food Safety Law in 2009 and later amended it with the heaviest penalties yet – raising fines to 30 times a product's value, adding 15-day detention and requiring baby formula to be registered. Under that regime, a market-regulator-led task force, joined by industry, health and disease-control agencies, is now investigating reports of toxic formamide in Huggies, Bibabebe and Babycare diapers, which the brands deny.

#### **Read More:**

- **Global Times, 22 June 2026**
- **China.org.cn, 25 April 2015**

## **Shanghai Film Festival Reaches Asia's Largest Scale with Record Global Participation**

The 28th Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF) reached unprecedented international scale in 2026, receiving around 4,100 film submissions from 125 countries and regions and screening more than 420 films across over 1,600 sessions. As China's only film festival accredited by the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF), SIFF has become Asia's most significant international film platforms. The festival also expanded cultural exchange through initiatives such as the Belt and Road Film Week, connecting filmmakers and audiences from different regions.

### **Read More:**

- **PR Newswire (SIFF), 20 June 2026**
- **Shanghai Municipal Government, 20 May 2026**