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Geopolitics

Xiong'an Forum Draws Nearly 400 Guests from over 90 Countries as Wang Yi Unveils Eight Actions

Discussions on 23–25 October addressed 'Rebuilding Confidence and Cooperation', one year after Xi Jinping proposed the Global Governance Initiative. Wang Yi announced eight actions covering APEC hosting in Shenzhen in November, UN reform and the Group of Friends, now comprising over 60 countries. Commitments cover the high-seas biodiversity (BBNJ) treaty and Xiamen's secretariat bid, alongside the right to development. An outer-space paper, an AI capacity-building progress report and a research centre with an annual index complete the package.

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- **Reuters, 16 October 2026**
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, 23 October 2026**

Tokyo Trial Archives Reach UN for 80th Anniversary as Fu Cong Cites Legal Legacy

China's permanent representative called the judgments foundational to the post-war order. He warned against attempts to reopen that record. He spoke at a New York display of historical photographs and documents during International Law Week. He linked the commemoration to the 55th anniversary of the restoration of China's lawful UN seat, tying historical accountability to contemporary multilateralism.

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- **IPPMedia, 27 October 2026**
- **Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations, 26 October 2026**



National Politics

CPC Opens Four-Day Plenum on Party Self-Governance and Stronger Policy Implementation Capacity

Disciplinary authorities filed 800,000 cases and punished 680,000 people in the first nine months of 2026, including investigations into 73 officials at provincial-ministerial level or above. Xi Jinping explained a draft decision on full and rigorous Party self-governance at the fifth plenum, which opened on Monday. The proceedings thus link internal oversight and anti-corruption enforcement to policy implementation during the new five-year plan period.

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- **AFP, 26 October 2026**
- **China Daily, 27 October 2026**

High-Risk AI Projects Face Employment Checks During Market-Access Review Under National Policy

The State Council released guidelines on 23 October to manage technological change through employer transition planning. Companies are encouraged to explore 'unemployment buffer periods', giving affected staff advance notice and retraining or redeployment support before large-scale rollouts. Specified market-access projects must undergo employment-impact assessments, and labour-intensive industries should adopt the technology cautiously in scope, intensity and pace. The 18-point guideline also expands demand for AI trainers and digital managers, and widens occupational-injury protection pilots for platform workers.

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- **TechTimes, 26 October 2026**

- **The State Council of China, 23 October 2026**



Economy

High-Tech Manufacturing Captures 25.5% of Industrial Profits as AI Demand Reshapes Growth

January–September results show above-scale firms earned 15.5 percent more year on year and achieved a 5.68 percent average revenue margin. High-tech manufacturing profits climbed 52 percent and reached 25.5 percent of the total, up 6.2 percentage points in a year. AI computing and advanced memory demand doubled electronics profits, contributing 9.6 percentage points to growth and lifting optical-fibre and cable makers' profits 570 percent and 110 percent respectively. The figures indicate technology-led production is changing the composition of industrial earnings.

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- **Global Times, 27 October 2026**
- **National Bureau of Statistics, 27 October 2026**

Central Bank Unveils Digital Yuan System, Smart Contracts and Cross-Border Settlement Platform

September brought 99.67 million transactions worth 1.87 trillion yuan (US $281.20 billion). Transaction count rose 12 percent year on year, but value climbed 123 percent, sharply lifting the average size. The People's Bank of China's e-CNY operating centre unveiled the Digital Currency and Electronic Payment System and a smart-contract framework to lower integration and liquidity-management costs. The infrastructure also includes a cross-border settlement platform, which signed agreements with its first 26 direct participants in June.

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- **The Paypers, 23 October 2026**
- **China Daily, 28 October 2026**



Agriculture and Environment

New 10,000-Tonne Air-Dome Silo to Add Grain Reserve Capacity and Close Northeast Storage Gap

Membrane inflation at Sinograin's Longjia depot in Changchun, Jilin, reached completion in September. The Longjia project will introduce the design to the high-cold northeast through four 10,000-tonne-class units, the first practical application there. The cold-adapted design will expand reserve capacity in a major grain-producing region and close a regional technology gap through insulation and airtightness suited to long

winters and large temperature differences.

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- **Sinograin, 19 September 2026**
- **Yahoo/Interesting Engineering, 26 October 2026**

China Charts National Water Sector Priorities After US $846.50 Billion Infrastructure Outlay

The 2021–25 total was about 2.8 times the 12th Five-Year Plan level and 1.6 times the 13th. It reached 5.68 trillion yuan (US $846.50 billion). The Ministry of Water Resources will expand digital twins and AI models alongside a more interconnected network, greener development, precise flood control and efficient water use. These priorities indicate the sector's direction for the next five years, pairing physical infrastructure with data-driven management.

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- **AP, 15 November 2022**
- **China Daily, 25 October 2026**



Science and Technology

Six-Area Plan Deepens Integration of Scientific and Industrial Innovation for Modern Industry

Two central government offices released comprehensive new guidelines in October 2026 to bring laboratory research closer to commercial application. Their six areas connect research and industrial chains, expand enterprise-led collaboration, coordinate resources and support traditional, emerging and future industries. The document deepens implementation of the innovation-driven development strategy to foster new quality productive forces and build a modern industrial system.

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- **CGTN, 22 October 2026**
- **Xinhua, 21 October 2026**

Outer Space Governance Paper Urges 10-Point Action to Prevent an Arms Race

The existing international legal regime has lagged behind technological advances, creating regulatory challenges and security risks for all states. A new position paper calls on states to oppose offensive military policies and take all possible measures to prevent an outer-space arms race. The text also supports an international arms-control legal instrument and stronger developing-country representation under UN-centred governance.

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- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, 23 October 2026**
- **UN News, 24 April 2024**



People's Life and Culture

Fingerprint Study Reveals Women and Teenagers Among Makers of Qin Terracotta Army

Shandong University and museum researchers applied a Bayesian mixture model to archaeological evidence from the third century BCE. Their sample of 79 impressions on 23 figures yielded estimates of about 45% adult men, 32.7% adult women and 22.3% people under 15. These percentages describe prints, not workforce totals or specific task allocations. The findings and apprenticeship records indicate that women and teenage apprentices also shaped, moved and assembled figures in Qin state workshops.

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- **Global Times, 24 October 2026**
- **Sixth Tone, 27 October 2026**

China Wins First World Women's Gymnastics Team Title in 20 Years After Beam Rally

Two rotations into the Rotterdam final, the United States led by 1.967 points. Zhang Qingying's 6.8-difficulty routine scored 15.066, the final's highest beam mark, as her team took a 2.200-point lead. The defending champions narrowed the gap on floor, but China held on to win by 0.233 points. The victory ended a 20-year wait since Cheng Fei and Zhang Nan's 2006 title.

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- **World Gymnastics, 21 October 2026**