

## NEWSLETTER

### BUILDING & INFRASTRUCTURE

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#### **China Builds World's Largest Water Infrastructure System**

China has built the world's largest, most comprehensive, and most widely used water infrastructure system. During the 14th Five-Year Plan period, the national water network covered 80.3% of the country's land area, the rural tap water coverage rate reached 96%, the newly added water supply capacity was 31.8 billion cubic meters, providing a solid guarantee for national water security. **(China Government News Network)**

#### **2025 5G Infrastructure Construction Exceeds Target**

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology released the "2025 Statistical Bulletin of the Communications Industry." As of the end of 2025, China had 4.838 million 5G base stations, a net increase of 588,000 from the previous year, averaging 34.4 5G base stations per 10,000 people, exceeding the "14th Five-Year Plan" target. **(Ministry of Industry and Information Technology)**

#### **January Urban Rail Transit Operation Data Released**

The Ministry of Transport released a preliminary report on urban rail transit operation data for January 2026. In January, 345 rail transit lines were put into operation in 54 cities nationwide, with an operating mileage of 11,767.3 kilometers. Passenger volume reached 2.89 billion trips, a year-on-year increase of 16.5%. Among them, subway and light rail lines accounted for 2.79 billion passenger trips, representing over 96% of the total. **(Ministry of Transport)**

#### **China's total optical fiber cable length reached 74.99 million kilometers**

According to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China's total optical fiber cable length reached 74.99 million kilometers, and the number of data center racks reached 938,000, continuously strengthening the foundation of new infrastructure. The newly opened Ningbo Metro Line 6 and Tianjin Metro Line Z4 further improved the regional transportation network. **(Ministry of Industry and Information Technology)**

#### **Major Infrastructure Projects to Commence in Multiple Regions in 2026**

Following the Spring Festival, major infrastructure projects have commenced construction in multiple regions across the country. Sixteen regions have released their 2026 key project investment plans, totaling over 12,000 projects with a total investment exceeding 32 trillion yuan (€10.884 billion). Among them, Changsha of Hunan Province plans to start 253 projects, indicating a recovery in demand for cement and related industries. **(Financial World)**