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Ministry of Education Targets Over 97% Enrollment for Children with Disabilities by 2030

China released an action plan on August 31 to advance inclusive special education, aiming to keep compulsory school enrollment for children with disabilities above 97% by 2030. The policy calls for building standardized special education schools in counties exceeding 200,000 residents while expanding access to high school, vocational, and higher education. **(CCTV)**

Three Universities Launch Kyrgyz-China Institute of Outstanding Engineers

Xinjiang University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, and Kyrgyz State Technical University have co-established the Kyrgyz-China Institute of Outstanding Engineers in Bishkek. Supported by key industrial enterprises, the cross-border institute will focus on cultivating master's and doctoral engineering talent in green mining and smart energy to advance regional industry-education integration. **(Xi'an Jiaotong University)**

Chinese Regions Pass Local Laws Banning Mobile Phones in Classrooms

Multiple Chinese regions—including Chongqing, Fujian, Guangzhou, and Zhengzhou—have enacted local regulations granting schools explicit authority to ban or strictly restrict student mobile phone use on campus. The shift elevates internal school rules into binding local legislation, aiming to curb screen addiction, improve classroom focus, and establish clear legal boundaries for device management. **(Education Online)**

Multiple Chinese Regions Exclude Biology and Geography from Zhongkao Total Scores

Multiple Chinese regions—including Liaoning, Beijing, Jilin, and Hunan—are removing biology and geography from total score calculations in the high school entrance examination (*Zhongkao*). Under the reform, student performance in these subjects will transition to grade-based assessments to reduce academic workload and align with national education burden-reduction policy. **(CCTV)**

Gansu to Add 20 AI Disciplines Under "AI + Education" Plan

China is establishing the China-Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Basic Education Cooperation Center in Beijing to strengthen regional educational ties, following an initiative announced by President Xi Jinping at the SCO Summit. Based in the capital, the center will focus on youth cultural exchanges, teacher training, AI integration in basic education, and joint policy research across SCO member states. **(Gansu Provincial Department of Education)**