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HIT Approved for China's First Aerospace Science Doctorate
Harbin Institute of Technology has been approved to launch China's first doctoral program in Aerospace Science and Engineering, with enrollment starting in 2026. Covering spaceplane design, advanced propulsion, and smart materials, the program partners with COMAC on joint talent cultivation. The initiative aims to bolster aerospace self-reliance and develop elite engineering talent under the 15th Five-Year Plan. **(Harbin Institute of Technology)**

China Builds World's Largest Modern Vocational Education System
China has built the world's largest vocational education system from secondary to undergraduate levels, the Ministry of Education announced October 12. The country now operates 124 vocational undergraduate universities, while 52 regular institutions offer vocational bachelor's degrees. Covering all 41 industrial sectors, the network enables nearly 3 million families annually to produce their first college graduates. **(Sohu)**

China Establishes First National Aerospace Education Alliance
China's first national aerospace education alliance was established at Beihang University. Jointly guided by central authorities including the Ministry of Education and MIIT, the coalition unites over 160 members across 59 universities, 21 aerospace enterprises, and 66 secondary schools. The initiative seeks to bridge academia and industry to cultivate top-tier engineering talent and bolster national aerospace self-reliance. **(Beihang University)**

China to Codify Campus Food Safety into Law
China's State Administration for Market Regulation released draft Food Safety Law revisions mandating principal accountability and meal accompaniment across schools. The proposal also tightens online food oversight, expands AI video monitoring in key processing areas, and stiffens personal liabilities for serious violations. **(Xinhua)**

China's Vocational Education Funding Surges 23.3% to 757 Billion Yuan
China's vocational education funding grew 23.3% during the 14th Five-Year Plan period to 757 billion yuan, the Ministry of Education announced on October 12. Higher vocational programs admit nearly 6 million youth annually, enabling almost 3 million families to cultivate their first generation of college graduates. A diversified financial aid network also ensures no student drops out due to economic hardship. **(Sina)**