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China's New Workforce Education Reaches 14.35 Years
Average schooling for China's new workforce has reached 14.35 years, according to an official vocational education white paper. Supplying nearly 10 million skilled workers annually, vocational colleges now make up over half of the nation's higher education institutions. The system also helps nearly three million families each year foster their first generation of college graduates. **(Xinhua)**

Inner Mongolia Unveils 15th Five-Year Higher Education Plan
Inner Mongolia has released its 15th Five-Year education plan to upgrade regional universities. The blueprint backs two local institutions in pursuing national excellence benchmarks and expands advanced degree authorizations across campuses. It also establishes categorized governance to align talent cultivation directly with local socioeconomic needs. **(Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Government)**

China Allows Practical Achievements for Professional Degrees
China's Academic Degrees Committee now allows professional graduate students to earn degrees with practical achievements rather than traditional dissertations. Expanding on engineering trials, the reform will pilot across five fields: translation, agriculture, clinical medicine, accounting, and arts. The policy sets strict criteria and deepens industry collaboration to align training with market demands. **(Ministry of Education)**

China-Led Global Vocational Education Standard Framework Unveiled
Forty-five nations jointly released the World Vocational and Technical Education Standard Framework, dubbed the Beijing Agreement. Marking China's first-led international vocational standard, the initiative advocates lifelong training, industry-education integration, and AI-driven reforms. The framework establishes a coordinated pathway to deepen global skill-sharing, social equity, and economic progress. **(Xinhua)**

China Targets Severe Youth Myopia with New Guidelines
Three Chinese government bodies have jointly issued guidelines to curb high myopia among students. Defining the condition as 600 diopters or higher, authorities warned of serious risks such as retinal detachment and irreversible vision impairment. Key measures mandate at least two hours of daily outdoor activity, regular vision screenings, and dedicated health records to monitor and protect at-risk students. **(Ministry of Education)**