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China-Kazakhstan Trade, Logistics Ties Deepen Via Corridor Expansion

Kazakhstan is ramping up efforts to develop the "Middle Corridor" as a vital logistics artery connecting China and Europe, with plans to invest \$10 billion to expand its railway and infrastructure capacity to meet surging cross-border freight demand. The Kazakh ambassador to China announced in April that China-Kazakhstan trade volume reached \$13.2 billion in the first quarter, a robust year-on-year increase of 46.6%. **(China Daily)**

BRI Trade Network Gains Momentum

The value of trade between China and Central Asian countries topped the \$100 billion mark for the first time in 2025. According to China Railway Nanning Group, the corridor handled 660,000 twenty-foot equivalent units of goods in the first half of 2026, averaging 110,000 TEUs per month. Notably, the second quarter saw a 3.6 percent quarter-on-quarter increase in freight volume, further reflecting the sustained high market demand. **(China Daily)**

20 Years Qinghai-Xizang Railway Transforms Regional Logistics

The Qinghai-Xizang Railway marked its 20th anniversary on July 1. Stretching 1,956 km, it carried 104 million passengers and 824 million tons of freight. From a Lhasa terminus, it now forms a Y-shaped network with Lhasa-Shigatse (2014) and Lhasa-Nyingchi (2021) lines. Daily train pairs rose from 5 to 13, daily passengers from 3,000 to 10,000, transforming plateau logistics and urban growth. **(China Daily)**

Train Carrying High-End Cosmetics Departs From France For Chengdu

On July 2, a France-Chengdu China-Europe freight train laden with high-end cosmetics departed Douges for Sichuan, backed by streamlined customs, intellectual property (IP) protection and geographical Indication (GI) mutual recognition. Rail beats sea on speed and air on cost. More specialized services are planned, with two-way flows — Chinese brands outbound, French wine, luxury and precision instruments inbound. **(China Daily)**

Container Port In Xiamen Model For Automated Operations

Opened in 2016, Xiamen Ocean Gate Terminal is the world's first 4th-Generation Automated Container Port with full independent intellectual property (IP). It cuts frontline staff by 70% and lifts efficiency by 20%, adopting full-scenario 5th-Generation Mobile Communication Technology (5G) and low-cost unmanned trucks. Its sea-rail channel handles 300,000 Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) yearly. **(China Daily)**