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China Contributes to Global AI Governance

By Staff Reporters

The four-day 2026 World AI Conference and High-Level Meeting on Global AI Governance, concluding in Shanghai on June 20, explored ways to promote equitable and inclusive development of AI.

Facing the widening global AI divide and an escalating deficit in global governance, China is committed to working with all parties to improve global AI governance, develop AI for the positive and for good and benefit all.

A consensus-based global governance framework
As AI development impacts all nations, global governance in this field requires broad international participation. However, the current landscape is increasingly characterized by fragmentation and a lack of effective communication and coordination.

From proposing the Global AI Governance Initiative and establishing the Group of Friends for International Cooperation on AI Capacity-building, to releasing the Global AI Governance Action Plan, China acts on the vision of extensive consultation and joint contribution for shared benefit. It takes the U.N. as the main channel, and promotes a consensus-based global governance framework and standard norms to ensure AI remains safe, reliable and controllable, while guaranteeing that all countries share AI dividends.

Bridging the digital divide
Current global AI development remains unbalanced, with the AI divide between the Global North and South continuing to widen.

China is actively supporting Global South countries in AI capacity building, bridging the digital and AI divide while promoting sustainable development.

Over the next five years, China will provide developing countries with 5,000 opportunities for AI training and seminars. It will develop international AI application cooperation centers with ASEAN, the League of Arab States, the African Union, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and BRICS. It will also help 30 countries utilize the AI-powered MAZU meteorological early warning system.

As the world's most active and fastest-growing supplier of large models, China continues to advance open-source initiatives. *See page 4*



A Gravity-1 carrier rocket carrying nine satellites blasts off from waters off the coast of Shanghai, east China, July 22, 2026. The Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center launched the commercial rocket at 10:54 a.m. (Beijing time), placing the nine satellites into their designated orbits. (PHOTO: XINHUA)

Jointly Advancing AI for Shared Prosperity

Edited by QI Liming

In covering the 2026 World AI Conference and High-Level Meeting on Global AI Governance, multiple international media outlets reported that global AI technological innovation has entered an unprecedented period of vitality. China is driving technological advancement, bridging the digital and AI divide, and improving global governance. This has injected momentum into promoting AI development that is positive, ethical, and beneficial to humanity.

Luigi Gambardella, president of the ChinaEU Digital Association, has long focused on the digital economy and Sino-European technological cooperation,

with particular attention to AI development in recent years. He said China's comprehensive manufacturing system, vast market size, and rich application scenarios provide crucial support for bringing AI technologies from the lab to industrial settings. "The development practices of AI in China have provided an important example for the world on how to transform technology into industrial capabilities," he said.

Driving public services
The Sun newspaper of Nigeria reported, "One of the prominent features of China's sci-tech innovation lies in the close integration of scientific exploration and industrial application." AI is particularly typical of this feature. China's AI is

accelerating its integration into various fields such as manufacturing, healthcare, transportation, education, agriculture, logistics and urban management, serving as a driving force for enhancing productivity in multiple sectors and improving public services.

Mexican newspaper *La Jornada* said China is promoting the acceleration of AI technology application on a large scale, making it a "fundamental technology for empowering the real economy." While accelerating the development of the AI industry, it said China also attaches importance to AI's global governance, advocating that AI develops in a direction beneficial to human well-being.

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International Cooperation

Smart Logistics Hub Bolsters Sino-CEEC Connectivity

By WANG Xiaoxia

In the small Hungarian town of Vac, about 35 kilometers north of Budapest, a huge warehouse operates with just a handful of staff on site. Among nearly 20-meter-high automated racks, robots shuttle back and forth, handling retrieval, transport, and sorting with seamless efficiency.

This facility, part of the Vac Smart Fulfillment Center, is one of the largest and highly automated public smart warehousing complexes in Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs). It also serves as the region's flagship intelligent warehouse dedicated to Chinese cross-border e-commerce enterprises, including Temu, AliExpress and SHEIN.

The 33,000-square-meter warehouse is equipped with nearly 700 robots. It has storage capacity for 20,000 European-standard pallets and 110,000 bins for small goods, and can sort up to 150,000 parcels per day. Behind this high-efficiency operation lies a continuously running intercontinental logistics corridor.

The Fulfillment Center is part of the Central European Trade and Logistics Cooperation Zone (CECZ). Situated adjacent to a major highway with a railway line running directly into the logistics park, the center handles efficient loading, unloading, distribution, and customs clearance before goods are shipped to markets across Central and Eastern Europe, and even Western Europe.

The China-Europe Railway Express, which has been operating for a decade, is a key component of this logistics channel.

When companies choose a transport mode, they value stability and predictability above all, said Balazs Gazso, chief executive officer of CECZ Logistic Park Management. "The China-Europe Railway Express offers fixed and reliable services, which is crucial for our clients."

Gazso said some clients could have chosen alternative routes but opted for this park specifically because of its connection to the railway express. It can reach virtually any destination in Central and even Western Europe.

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WEEKLY REVIEW

Chinese Mathematicians Awarded Fields Medal
Chinese mathematicians Deng Yu and Wang Hong were awarded the Fields Medal at the 2026 International Congress of Mathematicians, marking the first time Chinese mathematicians have won this honor. Deng won the medal for his work in partial differential equations, while Wang won the medal for her work in harmonic analysis and geometric measure theory.

M87 Black Hole's Radiation Secrets Decoded
Scientists from the Shanghai Astronomical Observatory of the Chinese Academy of Sciences have decoded the M87 black hole's radiation secrets. They unveiled the first spatially resolved spectral index map of the M87 black hole on the event horizon scale, revealing the gradient of the spectral index with distance from the center.

Milestone Accelerator to Unravel Universe's Mysteries
China kicked off trial operations for the High Intensity Heavy-ion Accelerator Facility following its official technological acceptance, marking a milestone in the quest to unlock the secrets of the universe's fundamental building blocks. It will be a powerful tool for scientists to explore the limits of atomic nuclei, reveal nuclear astrophysical processes, and advance nuclear energy development and multidisciplinary applications.

New Way to Make Nanocrystals from Metal Nitrides
A group of chemists at the University of Chicago have announced a way to make nanocrystals from a useful class of materials known as "metal nitrides," opening new doors for electronics and other technologies. This provides new materials for electronic devices, flexible lighting and medical implants.

New Graphic

First half of 2026

China's Imports and Exports of Computing Hardware

5.13 Trillion RMB

↑ 56.6 % y-o-y

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