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China issued guidelines to advance high-quality development of the e-commerce sector. It also highlights efforts to expand high-standard opening up by advancing cross-border e-commerce and the Silk Road e-commerce initiative, while pushing for greater alignment with international rules in areas such as digital trade.





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**China approved establishing
the China (Inner Mongolia)
Pilot Free Trade Zone in a State
Council circular issued on April
9, an important and strategic
measure to boost
high-standard opening-up.**





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Two sites – Changshan Geopark in east China's Zhejiang province and Mt. Siguniang Geopark in southwest Sichuan province – have been officially designated as UNESCO Global Geoparks, bringing the country's total to 51.





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China launched a new online feature offering free full-text access to national standards translated into foreign languages, in a move to boost transparency and lower trade barriers. The feature allows users to browse, read and download 2,613 national standards that have been translated into foreign languages including English, Russian and French.





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China has released a set of measures to promote the expansion and quality improvement of comprehensive bonded zones, in a bid to spur their high-quality development. The document outlines specific steps to support bonded maintenance, bonded inspection, cross-border e-commerce, and coordinated development in biomedicine research.





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China has released a set of measures in a circular to promote the high-quality and efficient development of the service industry. Pilot opening-up programs in areas such as value-added telecommunications, biotechnology, and wholly foreign-owned hospitals will be further expanded. Multiple measures will also be taken to improve the management system for the negative list of cross-border trade in services.





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China announced that qualified foreign investors have been allowed to participate in treasury bond futures trading, with trading activities limited to hedging purposes. The move is part of the efforts to broaden the investment scope for qualified foreign investors and enrich interest rate risk management tools available to foreign institutional investors.





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China will encourage service exports and promote international openness and cooperation, including fostering internationally competitive service export companies and clusters, aligning with high-standard international economic and trade rules, relaxing market access in selected service sectors in an orderly manner, and facilitating cross-border flows of capital, talent, and data closely related to services trade.

