

China's July 2026: From Lunar Dreams to Financial Shifts & Environmental Co

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1. In July 2026, China's Tianwen-2 mission is scheduled to conduct close approach and observation of its target asteroid. Which of the following is also a key objective of China's space program in 2026?

- A) The deployment of China's first crewed mission to Jupiter.
- B) The launch of Chang'e-7 for lunar exploration and water ice research.**
- C) The construction of a permanent military base on the Moon.
- D) The first successful test flight of a fully reusable interplanetary rocket.

2. Effective from July 1, 2026, China has issued a new regulation on outbound investment. What is a primary aim of this new regulation?

- A) To encourage unlimited investment in foreign technology companies without oversight.
- B) To promote high-standard opening-up and protect investors' legitimate rights while safeguarding national security.**
- C) To exclusively fund domestic bond markets and strengthen the Yuan by liquidating all US stocks.
- D) To grant foreign investors unrestricted access to China's strategic mineral resources.

3. China's first comprehensive Ecological and Environmental Code (EEC) is set to take effect on August 15, 2026. Which of the following is a key provision within this code related to national climate goals?

- A) It legally enforces China's 'dual carbon' goals, including peaking carbon emissions before 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality before 2060.**
- B) It mandates the immediate cessation of all industrial coal usage by the end of 2026.
- C) It establishes a cap-and-trade system exclusively for agricultural emissions.
- D) It requires all new energy vehicles to be powered solely by hydrogen fuel cells by 2027.

4. In early July 2026, the Mongolian Naadam Fair is scheduled to take place. What is a traditional highlight of this Mongolian festival?

- A) A parade of ancient Chinese artifacts.
- B) Competitions in horse racing, archery, and wrestling.**
- C) A large-scale dragon boat race festival.
- D) A national tea-drinking ceremony.

5. China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030) prioritizes several cutting-edge technologies. Which of these is highlighted as a strategic priority for industrial-scale production and application?

- A) Advanced blockchain integration for all financial transactions.
- B) Widespread adoption of quantum computing for consumer electronics.
- C) Green hydrogen as a strategic priority for industrial use.**
- D) Development of fully autonomous deep-sea exploration vehicles.

6. In the context of China's military activities in early 2026, which of the following was a notable aspect of the large-scale combat drills launched by the PLA?

- A) The exclusive use of naval vessels for all exercises.
- B) A focus on joint operations involving air, naval, ground, and rocket forces.**
- C) The exclusion of modern weaponry such as the J-20 stealth fighter.
- D) A simulated training environment that mirrored a peaceful global political climate.

7. As of July 2026, the Hong Kong Precious Metals Central Clearing Company is set to launch. What is its significant geopolitical implication related to international trade?

- A) It will exclusively facilitate gold trading between the US and China.
- B) It allows international oil and energy trades to settle in Yuan and convert instantly into physical gold, bypassing SWIFT.**
- C) It will serve as a new platform for Western companies to invest in Chinese tech stocks.
- D) It aims to devalue the Yuan by limiting its use in international energy markets.

8. China's new regulation on outbound investment, effective July 1, 2026, integrates export control restrictions. What does this entail for overseas investment activities?

- A) It permits the unrestricted export of sensitive technologies for overseas investments.
- B) It requires authorization for restricted items and prohibits the export of goods, technologies, or data subject to Chinese export prohibitions.**
- C) It mandates that all overseas investments must be conducted using Chinese currency only.
- D) It allows Chinese investors to bypass all international export control laws.

9. The Qingdao International Beer Festival, typically running from mid-July through August, is a prominent summer event. What is this festival known for?

- A) Showcasing traditional Chinese opera performances.
- B) Bringing together domestic and international breweries in a large, open-air setting.**
- C) Being exclusively a scientific and technological innovation expo.
- D) Celebrating ancient Chinese calligraphy and painting.

10. China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030) emphasizes AI development. What is a key focus in China's AI research ecosystem as outlined for this period?

- A) Focusing solely on AI for entertainment and gaming applications.
- B) Developing AI systems for autonomous deep-sea mining operations.
- C) Expanding research into 'embodied AI,' where intelligent systems power robots and autonomous machines.**
- D) Limiting AI development to theoretical research with no practical applications.

11. The Chang'e-7 mission, planned for launch in the second half of 2026, targets a specific region on the Moon. What is the primary scientific objective of this mission?

- A) To establish the first permanent human settlement on the Moon.
- B) To conduct the first direct search for water ice inside the coldest, darkest places in the Solar System.**
- C) To deploy a large-scale solar power station on the lunar surface.
- D) To study the effects of lunar radiation on advanced biological organisms.

12. Effective August 15, 2026, China's new Ecological and Environmental Code (EEC) will consolidate over 30 laws. Which of the following is explicitly addressed within this code, moving beyond traditional pollution control?

- A) The regulation of interstellar space debris.
- B) The management of virtual reality content.
- C) New pollutants and climate risks, emphasizing source-level prevention.**
- D) The promotion of single-use plastics in manufacturing.

13. ChinaJoy, a major event for gaming and digital entertainment, is scheduled for July 31 to August 3, 2026, in Shanghai. What are some of its key features?

- A) A focus solely on traditional board games and puzzles.
- B) Exhibitions, product launches, esports, and public access areas.**
- C) A competition for the best historical reenactment.
- D) A showcase of ancient Chinese agricultural techniques.