

## AI-POWERED CAEXPO ATTRACTS GLOBAL PARTICIPANTS

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The 22nd CAEXPO, held in Nanning, South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, from September 17 to 21, is the most AI-centric session yet, drawing global participants and showcasing innovation. About **3,200** enterprises from **45** countries and regions will participate in the expo.

3,200  
enterprises

## High AI integration

## Editor's Note:

The 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), with artificial intelligence (AI) as its central theme, underscores the drive to strengthen the China-Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) community with a shared future. The expo showcases the latest achievements in digital economy and AI cooperation. Held as the Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA) negotiations concluded, this expo highlights CAFTA 3.0's nine key areas, prioritizing the digital economy. China and ASEAN will deepen collaboration in digital infrastructure, cross-border e-commerce, and AI, while

expanding into blue and green economies, driving regional industrial chain upgrades. Benefiting nearly 2 billion people, China-ASEAN cooperation advances global digital governance through rule alignment, standard mutual recognition, and data flow, offering an "Asian solution." It contributes to multilateral trade, global economic growth, and the vision of a shared future for humanity.



## AI product launches

Debut of cutting-edge AI products from China and ASEAN, showcasing innovative technologies.

## Dedicated AI Pavilion

First-ever **10,000 m<sup>2</sup>** pavilions for AI and new quality productive forces, featuring nearly **200** AI leading enterprises and startups.

## AI-themed events

Over **10** events, including the China AI global unicorn list and industry leader dialogues, fostering innovation exchanges.

## Focus on new opportunities

## CAFTA 3.0 promotion

Highlights new opportunities under CAFTA 3.0, with a focus on digital and green economies.

## Blue paper

Release of the Vision on China-ASEAN Economic and Trade Cooperation, with expert analysis on CAFTA 3.0.

## Trade dialogues

China-ASEAN economic cooperation dialogues to guide enterprises in seizing opportunities in key sectors.

## Robust business engagement

38%

## Massive scale

**160,000 m<sup>2</sup>** venue about **3,200** corporate exhibitors (**38%** foreign exhibitors)

54.2%

## High business-led activity

**54.2%** of trade events driven by chambers and enterprises, a record high.

## Strong ASEAN presence

Seven ASEAN countries with dedicated pavilions; **33** BRI partner countries participating.

10,000+ firms  
attending for  
procurement and  
negotiations.

## CHINA-ASEAN DIGITAL COOPERATION LEADS GLOBALLY

In recent years, the cross-border e-commerce transaction volume between China and ASEAN has been growing at an annual rate of over **20%**, becoming a key driver for the growth of trade between the two sides.

## Strong cooperation foundation

## A timeline of CAFTA

2010

Version 1.0 launched

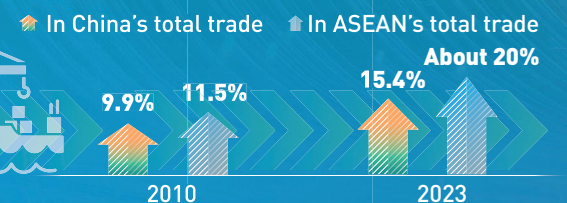
2015

Version 2.0 agreement signed, coming into effect in 2019

2025

China and ASEAN fully completed negotiations on Version 3.0 in May

## China-ASEAN trade share



ASEAN's digital economy is projected to reach **\$1 trillion** by 2030.

Eagerness for China-ASEAN ties: ASEAN members seek China's expertise in infrastructure, 5G, and AI.

Sources: State Council, ministries, GAC, ASEAN Secretariat, media

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## A vision of a shared future

## GUANGXI'S UNIQUE ADVANTAGES IN AI INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

## Cross-border digital infrastructure connectivity

## China-ASEAN Information Harbor

A national digital platform, with Guangxi as the core hub, connecting to ASEAN through **12** international terrestrial optical cables.

## AI computing cluster

Jointly built with ASEAN, this cluster will efficiently meet ASEAN's data processing needs for AI applications.

## Nanning International Communications Gateway Bureau

Approved in July 2024, the Nanning gateway, operational by year-end 2025, will make Guangxi China's fastest and shortest data transmission route to ASEAN.

## Abundant linguistic, talent, and research resources

## Rich ASEAN data resources:

Extensive multilingual commerce texts, and intercultural communication data for AI model training.

## ASEAN talent pipeline:

Guangxi is among the Chinese provinces which host the most ASEAN students in China.

## Educational infrastructure:

Several universities in Guangxi have AI institutes focused on ASEAN collaboration.

## Channels for exchange

## China-ASEAN Expo:



Successfully held for **21** years, the expo fostered trade and investment ties.

## China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit:



Starting November 2004, the past **21** editions promoted economic collaboration.

## CHINA-ASEAN FUTURE COOPERATION BLUEPRINT: AI AND GREEN ECONOMY

## AI reshapes regional ecosystems

The rapid evolution of AI has opened new applications, further boosting economic engagement and reshaping industries for China and ASEAN.

## Guangxi as AI hub for ASEAN

A goal has been set to achieve a production industrial output of AI-related industries that surpasses **100 billion** yuan by 2027.

## AI-powered trade, innovation

Guangxi plans to pilot AI applications in marine observation and port logistics, and advance projects with ASEAN in fisheries and mangrove carbon sinks.

## Green economy collaboration

## Standards recognition

Breakthroughs in mutual standards for EV batteries and solar power.

## Industrial chain synergy

ASEAN members seek advanced manufacturing, green solutions, and digital services.

China's shift to high-end, smart, and green manufacturing aligns with ASEAN's needs.

Joint efforts in biomedicine and low-altitude economy to foster new regional growth engines.

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