

China releases first strategy on cyberspace cooperation

China on Wednesday released its strategy on cyberspace cooperation.

The International Strategy of Cooperation on Cyberspace is the first China has released regarding the virtual domain.

The aim of the strategy – jointly building a community of shared future in cyberspace – illustrates China's approach to cyberspace cooperation. Notably one that is based on peace, sovereignty, shared governance and shared benefits.

The strategic goals of China's participation in international cyberspace cooperation are: the safeguarding of China's sovereignty, security and development interests in cyberspace; the secure and orderly flow of information on the Internet; improved global connectivity; maintaining of peace, security and stability in cyberspace; enhancement of international rule of law in cyberspace; the promotion of the global development of the digital economy; and deepening cultural exchange and mutual learning, according to the strategy.

China's plan of action includes promoting the building of rule-based order in cyberspace, expanding partnership with other countries, boosting institutional reform in Internet governance, jointly combating cyber terrorism and crimes, and protecting individual privacy in cyberspace.

China supports Internet-based innovation and entrepreneurship, and is committed to assisting developing countries with cyber security capacity building, it said.

The country supports the formulation of cyberspace trade rules and effective policy coordination among countries, said the strategy.

China will work with other countries to strengthen global information infrastructure to facilitate the smooth flow of information, and facilitate cyber culture cooperation among countries, according to the strategy.

With the animation, comic and games industry as a priority area, China will carry out practical cooperation with countries along the Belt and Road, encourage Chinese enterprises to provide online cultural products and services catered to local needs based on local cultural resources, said the strategy.

The strategy was issued by the Foreign Ministry and State Internet Information Office.

[Good quality relationship and sex education in schools is key to the prevention of child abuse and violence in teenage relationships – Angela Rayner](#)

Angela

Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Education, commenting on the Government's plans to introduce statutory age-appropriate relationships education from Key Stage One, said:

"I am absolutely delighted with the Government's announcement that they will seek to introduce statutory, age-appropriate relationship and sex education for every child from Key Stage One.

"This is the culmination of years of campaigning by the Labour Party, charities and MPs across the House, and I'm pleased the Minister has listened to the arguments and acted appropriately.

"Good quality relationship and sex education in schools is key to the prevention of child abuse and violence in teenage relationships. It provides children with the knowledge, resilience and confidence they need to challenge exploitative relationships.

"Relationship and sex education is most effective when it sits as part of a whole-school approach embedding across the curriculum with well-trained staff. The Government must now ensure schools have the resources to deliver this."

[Website maintenance UPDATE](#)

Over the last few days we have made some considerable changes to the infrastructure of our main website (www.bgs.ac.uk) and its hosted sites. We thank you for your patience while we fix any remaining issues. Found a bug?

Please let us know!

One month to go until new vehicle tax rates come into force

There's only one month to go until the way [vehicle tax is calculated](#) will change.

As the changes will only affect new cars and some motorhomes, we thought we'd have a look to see which areas registered the highest number of new vehicles last year.



Top ten postcodes for new vehicle registrations in 2016

1. Birmingham (B) – 205,156
2. Milton Keynes (MK) – 121,896
3. Guildford (GU) – 90,886
4. Peterborough (PE) – 83,756
5. Leicester (LE) – 79,376
6. Bristol (BS) – 69,763
7. Swindon (SN) – 69,240
8. Slough (SL) – 69,186
9. Reading (RG) – 68,996
10. Northern Ireland (BT) – 68,859

(Source: DVLA)

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The Birmingham postcode area was busiest buying new vehicles, with over 200,000 being registered.

Birmingham was followed by Milton Keynes and Guildford.

It's no great surprise that postcodes in densely populated areas made the top 10, but it's interesting that Glasgow (67,780), Manchester (32,177) and Liverpool (26,756) were just outside.

Not everybody will be affected by the changes immediately. The changes only

apply to brand new cars and some motorhomes registered with DVLA on or after 1 April 2017. But we still wanted to make sure that everyone is aware at the same time, so we've been [blogging regularly](#) to let you know what DVLA's been doing to get ready for the changes. We've been busy in other ways too, including:

- working very closely with stakeholders to make sure that they're aware of the changes, including several webinars, such as for the fleet industry
- [developing a new service](#) to register new vehicles which will launch later this year.
- launching a publicity campaign that's being run across social media, blogs and messages on DVLA literature
- getting our contact centre ready, who have an automated telephone service to quickly answer your questions

The changes take effect from 1 April 2017, so make sure you have a look at the [new vehicle tax rates](#) to see if they affect you.

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[UK Airspace Policy Consultation](#)

In light of the problems with aircraft noise and nights flights in the constituency I have lobbied Ministers, Heathrow and the National Air Traffic Services (NATS). Please find below the letter I have written to Department of Transport in response to their consultation on night flights.

I would also strongly encourage residents to contribute to the consultation which ends on 25 May. The link is available here: <http://bit.ly/2m7iTnc>.



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UK Airspace Policy Consultation: Formal Response

Dear Sirs

I am writing in regard to the UK Airspace Policy Consultation. Please consider this a formal submission to the consultation.

I welcome the proposal that future flight path changes should be subject to a suitable level of oversight by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) when such alterations would substantially effect communities on the ground. I also support the proposal to establish an Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) to ensure that "noise has been considered and mitigated where possible" when new routes are proposed.

However, I think it is entirely unacceptable that this proposal relates only to future changes. It also only makes reference to improved oversight of flight path changes made by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and not NATS (National Air Traffic Services) which is responsible for directing aircraft across the routes operated by the CAA. NATS has discretion to make unilateral procedural changes to flight path route changes. I believe this is entirely unacceptable and needs to be looked at as part of the consultation.

All easterly flights from Heathrow Airport proceed through the Compton 'gate' which is centred on the town of Wokingham (see the enclosed map). In 2014, without consultation, NATS narrowed the gate from 13 to 11 nautical miles and concentrated easterly flights over Wokingham. NATS contend that this was for safety reasons which is their primary statutory function when planning such routes. However, since this change, noise rates across the flight path have increased significantly. In response, NATS have simply said that noise mitigation does not come within their remit.

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I therefore believe that the improved oversight of flight paths, as suggest in the consultation, should apply to both the CAA and NATS and that decisions by NATS should be subject to the call-in function that it is envisaged will be granted to the Secretary of State. I would also like to see procedural changes made by NATS subject to approval by both the CAA and the ICCAN and public consultation.

As part of this process, I believe that changes previously made without consultation – such as that to the Compton route - should be immediately reversed.

I also believe that the CAA, NATS and the aviation industry should be encouraged to keep more planes away from built up areas, flying more slowly and saving fuel, so they come in to land directly without being in a stack. They should also be encourage to use higher flight paths so planes stay higher for longer, reducing the numbers experiencing noise. Further measures could also be introduced to promote good flying. This might include later dropping of the wheels, less acute turns and aggressive use of power on and the flaps. All these measures save fuel as well as reducing noise.

I welcome the fact that the consultation proposes better processes for the future, but it also needs to take account of decisions that have already been made without due process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ahmad', written in a cursive style.

CC: Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon