

## [China to step up efforts to ensure campus safety](#)

The State Council, China's cabinet, on Wednesday mapped out measures to ensure safety on campus, stressing that those who engage in violent crimes on campus will be severely punished.

"Ensuring safety in primary and middle schools and kindergartens should be a public security priority," said a statement released after a State Council executive meeting, presided over by Premier Li Keqiang.

Heads of schools and kindergartens should be held accountable for campus safety, it said, adding that the students should be taught to value life and the rights of others.

In addition to lessons on basic safety, the schools were told to hold earthquake, fire and anti-stampede drills.

Schools must have necessary security personnel, as well as CCTV systems and alarms, should conditions allow, according to the statement.

More police should be deployed around schools and kindergartens, it said.

The central government ordered the establishment of an effective mechanism to prevent and control bullying and violence, vowing to punish violators implicated in serious incidents.

School buildings must be up to national safety and quality standards, it said, adding that builders, designers and supervisors will be held accountable for life.

Education and public security agencies at all levels should designate departments to manage security risks on campus, while supervisory agencies were urged to step up supervision and checks on sanitation, disease prevention and food safety in schools.

Safety incidents on campus should be dealt with immediately and properly, and public concerns should be addressed in a timely manner, it said.

A draft regulation to enforce the Statistics Law was also passed during Wednesday's meeting.

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## [Beijing to build more greenways](#)

Beijing will build 500 kilometers of greenways in 2017, 80% of which will be

waterfront greenways, according to a plan formulated by the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Landscape and Forestry.

The overall plan of greenway construction shows that the total length of the greenways in Beijing will reach about 1,240 kilometers. From 2014 to 2016, 710 kilometers of greenways has been built. Among the completed greenways, the waterfront greenways in the central urban area are the most popular.

The plan will give priority to the construction of greenways in the sub-center of Beijing and the waterfront greenways, which will reach 500 kilometers.

The greenways in the sub center will have a length of 150 kilometers, with a focus on the construction of a green belt around the sub-center for recreation.

Jingmi Diversion Canal Greenway covers 5 districts with a total length of about 134kilometers, which is the longest waterfront greenway in Beijing.

The pedestrian road along the water system can be the effective supplement to the municipal pedestrian road. The improved green land will be irrigated by the water in urban areas, which can effectively fulfill the water-saving target.

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## [Beijing finds new way in financing transport system](#)

The municipal government of Beijing has introduced new financing models to develop its metro and intercity transportation system.

The Chinese capital is currently building 20 metro lines across the city and six railways linking Beijing with nearby cities Zhangjiakou and Tangshan. The projects will cost approximately tens of billions of yuan.

The municipal government of Beijing introduced an ABO model (Authorize-Build-Operate) last year to finance the construction of the transport system, the first among Chinese cities to do so. The municipal government authorized Beijing Infrastructure Investment Co., Ltd. (BII) to bear responsibility for building Beijing's rail transit system.

Based on the agreement, the municipal government each year earmarks 29.5 billion yuan—about 40 percent of the total construction funds—to BII, while BII is responsible for the remaining funds.

BII has raised capital by bond financing, equity trusts, insurance funds and financial leasing, according to a company manager Zou Shunhua. The company

has channeled social capitals for metro Line 14 and Line 16, which helped reduce 30 billion yuan of government funding.

BII is also responsible for the rail network in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. In late 2014, BII worked along with its counterparts in Tianjin and Hebei to establish the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Intercity Railway Investment Co., Ltd, which will build 24 railways in the region by the end of 2030.

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