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ITV News opens Beijing bureau

ITV News is set to open a bureau in Beijing as part of a major cash injection into the news operation.

ITV News has been awarded an extra £2 million to continue to build on last year's success and as part of this investment will boost its presence and coverage from Asia. Currently Asia Correspondent John Irvine heads the Bangkok bureau and the new bureau will allow UK viewers a real insight into the reality of life in the world's economic powerhouse.

ITV News will also expand its Manchester bureau to further boost the newsgathering operation in the north of England, led by correspondent Tim Rogers.

In addition, ITV News will establish a breaking news team to allow ITV to go live on big breaking news stories at any given point and serve ITN's 24 hour news requirements.

As part of the bureau revamp, ITV News has also teamed up with ITV Central to allow reporter Rohit Kachroo to service ITV News programmes on Midlands stories and capitalises on the strength of the Birmingham newsroom.

David Mannion, Editor in Chief of ITV News, said: "This significant new investment in ITV News means that we will be in an even stronger position to provide British viewers with distinctive, first-hand accounts of events throughout the world. We intend to build upon our hard won reputation for delivering major exclusives and innovative production."

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