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China's Jan–July Apparel Retail Sales Rise 5.8%, Outpacing Broader Market

China's retail sales of apparel, footwear, and textiles reached 862.8 billion yuan in Jan–July 2026, up 5.8% year-on-year and outperforming total retail growth (+1.2%). Despite a 1.0% drop in July to 92.2 billion yuan due to seasonal factors and weather, online apparel sales grew 5.8%. Textile industrial output rose 2.3% in July, reflecting cautious production ahead of autumn. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's Beauty Sector Defies Retail Lull with 6.8% Gain in July

China's cosmetics retail sales reached 28.5 billion yuan in July 2026, rising 6.8% year-on-year and outperforming total retail growth (+0.6%). In Jan–July, cosmetics sales grew 6.3% to 272.3 billion yuan, outpacing the broader market (+1.2%). As platforms shifted to routine sales post-promotions, leading domestic and international beauty brands drove growth. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

H World Group Q2 2026 Revenue Rises 10.8% Driven by Domestic Expansion

H World Group posted Q2 2026 revenue of RMB 7.1 billion (\$1.1 billion), up 10.8% year-over-year, with net income reaching RMB 1.6 billion (\$232 million). China segment turnover rose 15.3% following 498 new openings and a 1.1% RevPAR lift, while international turnover fell 9.4%. The company remains on track to meet its full-year target of 2,200–2,300 openings. **(Travel Daily China)**

Guangdong-Macao Ports Upgrade Travel Clearance with Single Permit

Hong Kong and Macao residents can now use a single document—the Mainland Travel Permit—for two-way automated clearance at three Guangdong-Macao land ports. Implemented on August 18, the upgraded "joint inspection, one-time release" model also expands fast-lane eligibility to foreigners and Taiwan residents. Passenger flow through these ports reached 42 million in H1 2026, up 12.8% year-on-year. **(China Daily)**

China Plans 60,000-km Road Trip Network by 2030

China's Ministry of Transport announced plans to build a 60,000-kilometer national self-drive network by 2030, connecting major scenic and cultural landmarks across 3 loops, 4 east-west, and 5 north-south routes. To support rising road travel, the initiative will upgrade EV charging infrastructure, rest areas, and car rental connections at major transit hubs, targeting a fully integrated system by 2035. **(China Daily)**