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Swire Coca-Cola Opens Two New Plants in China Within 24 Hours

Swire Coca-Cola launched two green and smart plants in Kunshan and Guangzhou within 24 hours, with a total investment of 477 million USD. The Guangzhou facility alone costs 183 million USD and boosts regional annual capacity by about 66%. The two new sites raise Swire Coca-Cola's total production capacity in the Chinese mainland by 10%. This expansion highlights the company's strong confidence in China's high-quality development. **(Xinhua News)**

Australian Table Grape Exports to China Top 600 Million USD

Australia's table grape exports have reached over 600 million USD, with China accounting for 35%–40% of total shipments as its top market, according to ATGA. The industry expanded exports since 2011 by strengthening compliance, quality control, and buyer relationships. Facing growing competition from Peru, Chile, and South Africa, Australia prioritizes quality over price to maintain long-term trade ties. **(Fresh Plaza)**

Belgium Signs Protocol to Export Apples to China

Belgium's Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain and China's GACC have signed a phytosanitary protocol allowing Belgian apples to enter the Chinese market following years of negotiations. Under the deal, orchards must be registered, and the first exports are expected in the next growing season. **(Fresh Plaza)**

China remains top overseas market for Japanese sake

China remained the largest overseas market for Japanese sake by value in Q1 2026, with exports rising 10.85% year-on-year to about 22.7 million USD. While the U.S. led in export volume, average unit value to the Chinese mainland was much higher. Supported by a large network of Japanese restaurants, China continues to drive steady growth for Japanese sake. **(Vino Joy News)**

'Durian freedom' spreads as prices dip across nation

Durian prices are tumbling as booming imports, faster logistics and a wave of seasonal fruit make the tropical fruit increasingly affordable for consumers. Prices for some durian varieties have fallen 10% to 20% from a year earlier, according to wholesale market data and retailers. Thailand's Monthong durian is the dominant variety in the market, and Vietnamese Monthong durians have seen steeper declines. **(China Daily)**