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China's tech hub crosses 1-trln-yuan GDP threshold

Shenzhen's Nanshan District, a major Chinese tech hub, saw its GDP exceed 1 trillion yuan (about USD 143 billion) in 2025, becoming China's first county-level economy to cross the threshold. Home to firms such as Tencent and DJI, the district derives around 60% of its output from strategic emerging industries, highlighting the strength of innovation-led growth. **(Xinhua)**

Tax data shows faster integration of sci-tech and industrial innovation in China in 2025

China's sci-tech and industrial integration accelerated in 2025, tax data showed. High-tech industry sales rose 13.9% year on year, led by lithium-ion batteries (+25.1%) and service robots (+60.7%). Scientific research services grew 20.4%, while core digital economy revenues increased 9.4%, highlighting innovation-driven upgrading across sectors. **(Xinhua)**

China achieves major breakthrough in all-superconducting magnet

China has set a new record with a 35.6-tesla all-superconducting magnet, developed at a national research facility, the Chinese Academy of Sciences said. The field strength is over 12 times that of medical MRI systems. The magnet will support advanced research in materials, life sciences and high-end equipment, strengthening China's basic science capabilities. **(People's Daily)**

China's tech firm deploys AI model in orbit, unveils massive space computing plan

A Chinese commercial aerospace firm has successfully deployed a general-purpose AI model aboard orbiting satellites, completing in-orbit reasoning tasks within two minutes. The firm plans a 2,800-satellite space computing constellation by 2035, targeting 100,000 petaflops of inference power and 1 million petaflops for training, highlighting China's push to extend AI infrastructure beyond Earth. **(Xinhua)**

China's hybrid unmanned cargo aircraft completes first flight

China's self-developed YH-1000S hybrid unmanned cargo aircraft completed its first flight in Chongqing, its developer said. Equipped with a high-performance hybrid power system, the aircraft features shorter takeoff and landing distances, higher payload capacity and longer range than its predecessor. It is designed for logistics, emergency rescue, marine monitoring and other applications. **(People's Daily)**