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China's tech innovation momentum strengthens in first 2 months of 2026

China's tech innovation maintained strong momentum in the first two months of 2026. Sales revenue of high-tech industries rose 16.1% year-on-year, while the research and technical services sector grew 23.6%. Meanwhile, Chinese enterprises increased spending on digital technology procurement by 10.8%, highlighting deeper integration between the digital economy and real industries. **(People's Daily)**

Chinese robot vacuums sweep Southeast Asia

Chinese robot vacuum brands are rapidly expanding in Southeast Asia, driven by urbanization and rising middle-class demand. On Lazada, the category grew 50% in 2025 and over 60% by January 2026. From January–July 2025, regional sales rose nearly 40%, with Vietnam up over 70%. Chinese brands hold 65.6% of the global top-five market share. **(China Daily)**

Robot training facility drives humanoid robot development in Zhengzhou, C China's Henan

A heterogeneous humanoid robot training facility in Zhengzhou, Henan was completed in 40 days, making Henan the third Chinese region after Beijing and Shanghai to host such a center. The facility houses 140 humanoid robots trained for six sectors, including agriculture, manufacturing and healthcare, and has collected over 150 million visual data points to support future AI upgrades. **(People's Daily)**

Innovative tech holds key to brain rehab

China is promoting brain-computer interface (BCI) technology to support diagnosis and rehabilitation for mental and neurological disorders. Experts say BCI can analyze neural patterns linked to depression, anxiety and Alzheimer's disease. Some consumer devices cost under 2,000 yuan (\$290). The technology has been included in China's Government Work Report and the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030). **(China Daily)**

Carbon fiber emerges as growth engine for new industries

China's carbon fiber sector surges as commercial aerospace, low-altitude economy, and humanoid robots drive demand. Zhongfu Shenying launched SYT80 (T1200) carbon fiber with 8000 MPa strength and hundreds of tons scale, while production bases in Lianyungang and Xining expand supply. Low-orbit satellites and eVTOL aircraft boost consumption, supporting rapid industry growth and broader adoption in high-end manufacturing. **(Securities Times)**