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China to Host 2026 World AI Conference in Shanghai in July
China will host the 2026 World Artificial Intelligence Conference and High-Level Meeting on Global AI Governance in Shanghai in July. The event will focus on international cooperation, AI governance and safety. Chinese officials said the conference will support multilateral collaboration and promote responsible AI development as countries address opportunities and risks associated with the technology. (**Xinhua**)

China's Lineshine Tops Supercomputer Ranking with All-CPU Architecture
China’s LineShine supercomputer tops the TOP500 list with 2.198 EFLOPS sustained performance, the National Supercomputing Center in Shenzhen said. It is the first system to exceed 2 EFLOPS on HPL. Using an all-CPU architecture with AI acceleration units, it supports applications in climate science, materials research, drug discovery and scientific AI. (**Xinhua**)

Chinese-Developed Artificial Heart Advances into Global Markets
China’s BrioVAD, a fully magnetically levitated artificial heart developed in Suzhou, has entered global markets after clinical trials in the United States and implantation in Europe. The device, about the size of a table tennis ball, has been used in over 1,000 patients. In China, about 13.7 million people over 35 suffer from heart failure, including over 1 million with end-stage disease. (**People's Daily**)

Physical AI Accelerates Toward Real-World Applications
China is accelerating adoption of physical AI across industries including robotics, energy and aerospace. Training efficiency for vision-language-action models has improved by 70%, while inference latency for world models dropped 50%, enabling training cycles to shrink from weeks to hours. Experts say applications are emerging in mines, factories and inspection sites. (**People's Daily**)

Global Smartphone Shipments Set to Fall
Global smartphone shipments are projected to contract 10% year-on-year to 1.14 billion units in 2026, Goldman Sachs said. However, premium smartphones priced above $600 are expected to grow at a 5% CAGR from 2026 to 2028, reaching 402 million units, with revenue share rising from 66% to 76%. Overall market value is forecast to increase 3% to $596 billion in 2026. (**China Daily**)