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China regulates AI human-like interaction services to protect minors

China has issued new rules on AI services simulating human interaction, targeting risks to minors. The regulations ban content encouraging harmful behavior, emotional dependency or irrational decisions. Released by multiple authorities, the framework balances innovation with safety. The sector is expanding across childcare and elderly care, and the rules will take effect on July 15, 2026. **(Xinhua)**

China moves to bring AI into classrooms as it accelerates digital push

China plans to launch an “AI Plus Education” initiative to integrate artificial intelligence across all schooling levels by 2030. The country has over 6,000 AI firms, with the core sector exceeding 1.2 trillion yuan (\$174 billion) in 2025. The plan promotes courses, interdisciplinary training and AI-assisted teaching, while addressing talent shortages and supporting large-scale application in the digital economy. **(Xinhua)**

Asia turns a new leaf in its AI ascent

Asia is advancing as a global AI leader, supported by large markets and industrial ecosystems. The region’s digital economy reached \$27 trillion in 2025, accounting for 46% of GDP. Asian firms made up 28% of global AI unicorns, while 55% of AI cases came from the region. AI adoption is expanding across smartphones, supply chains and healthcare, with rising focus on governance. **(China Daily)**

WIC Digital & AI Academy launches its program in Hong Kong

The WIC (World Internet Conference) Digital & AI Academy launched a training program in Hong Kong, gathering nearly 40 participants from 16 countries and regions. The initiative focuses on AI and cybersecurity capacity building, promoting digital skills, policy exchange and international cooperation. It aims to bridge digital and AI divides, support developing economies, and enhance global collaboration on AI governance and security. **(wicinternet.org)**

China seeks opinions on data standards to support AI growth

China is soliciting public feedback on 22 draft national standards covering key data terminology. The move aims to unify definitions and support AI and data industry development. Daily token usage exceeded 140 trillion in March, up over 1,000-fold from 100 billion in early 2024 and more than 40% from 100 trillion at end-2025, reflecting rapid expansion. **(China Daily)**