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#### **Chinese tokens 'crush' foreign competitors**

Chinese AI models processed 4.12 trillion tokens on the OpenRouter platform in mid-February, surpassing 2.94 trillion by US models. Cheap electricity priced around 0.5 yuan (\$0.07) per kWh can generate 22 times more value when converted into AI computing tokens. Analysts say strong energy supply, open-source models and MoE architectures boost China's global AI competitiveness. (**China Daily**)

#### **AI manipulation of search results highlighted at consumer gala**

China's annual 315 consumer rights gala exposed the rise of Generative Engine Optimization (GEO), a service that manipulates AI-generated search results. An investigation showed software could create dozens of fake articles promoting a fictional product, influencing AI recommendations. Regulators said they will strengthen oversight of AI-generated and online advertising to curb misinformation. (**China Daily**)

#### **Chinese smart technologies shine at 2026 Mobile World Congress**

At the 2026 Mobile World Congress (2-5 March, Barcelona), about 2,900 exhibitors from over 200 countries showcased new technologies. Chinese companies presented AI-powered products such as smart toys, AI smartphones and smart glasses. Globally, 374 operators had deployed 5G by January 2026, and 5G-Advanced users reached 70 million, showing rapid progress in next-generation connectivity and AI integration. (**People's Daily**)

#### **China establishes technical committee to standardize satellite internet systems and services**

China has approved a national technical committee to standardize satellite internet systems and services as low-Earth-orbit constellations expand. Satellite internet was listed in the 2026 Government Work Report as a key pillar of the digital economy. The committee will develop standards for terminology, constellation performance and system products to support coordinated industry development. (**Global Times**)

#### **Experts raise alarm on AI data poisoning**

Chinese regulators and experts warned about AI data poisoning after the 315 consumer rights gala exposed misuse of generative engine optimization (GEO). Investigators created a fake smart wristband, "Apollo-9," and uploaded promotional articles; within hours, two AI models recommended it. Experts say such manipulation spreads false advertising and urge new regulations to control AI-generated content and data sources. (**China Daily**)