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Alibaba Bans Internal Use of Anthropic's Claude

Alibaba has instructed employees to stop using Anthropic's Claude AI models and coding tools from July 10, reversing its earlier policy of supporting leading overseas AI services. The move follows growing scrutiny of foreign AI products and developer allegations that Claude Code may contain mechanisms capable of identifying China-linked users. **(China Daily)**

China Expanding Influence in 5G, Robotics

According to the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA), China accounts for over 40% of global 5G connections. Mobile technologies generated \$1.5 trillion in economic value in 2025 and are projected to reach \$2.1 trillion by 2030. Industry experts also highlighted China's rapid advances in robotics and AI-powered applications. **(China Daily)**

Shanghai Set to Host Record World AI Event

Shanghai will host the 2026 World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) from July 17–20, featuring over 1,100 companies, 3,000 exhibits and 300+ global product launches. The exhibition area will exceed 100,000 square meters for the first time. Shanghai's AI industry generated 637 billion yuan (about \$88.8 billion) in 2025, up 39.5% year on year. **(China Daily)**

25th China Internet Conference Kicks off in Beijing

The 25th China Internet Conference opened in Beijing on July 8 and runs through July 10, bringing together industry leaders to showcase advances in AI, robotics, virtual reality and internet technologies. The event highlights innovation, digital transformation and collaboration to support the continued development of China's internet industry. **(Xinhua)**

China's Industry Regulator Flags 'Backdoor' Risk in Claude Code

China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) warned that certain versions of Anthropic's Claude Code may transmit users' location and identity data without authorization. The regulator urged organizations to remove affected versions (2.1.91–2.1.196) or upgrade immediately, while strengthening network monitoring and controls to prevent potential data leaks. **(China Daily)**