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2026 AI Conference Sets New Records in Scale

The 2026 World Artificial Intelligence Conference set new records, featuring over 1,100 companies, 3,000 exhibits and 300+ global product debuts. China's core AI industry exceeded RMB 1.2 trillion (USD 167.0 billion) in 2025 with over 6,200 enterprises, while the country held 60% of global AI patents and 90% of global humanoid robot shipments. **(China Daily)**

AGI Set to Reshape High-Technology Services

As artificial general intelligence advances, global value chains in high-technology services are shifting toward capability-driven competition. According to the WTO, global commercial services exports reached USD 9.56 trillion in 2025, while digitally delivered services grew 10% to USD 5.26 trillion. AI is expected to automate routine digital tasks while increasing demand for higher-value engineering, innovation and system integration. **(China Daily)**

Photonics Industry Thrives in East China's Suzhou

Suzhou is strengthening its position as a major photonics hub, with over 350 related enterprises, including eight listed companies and 35 national "little giant" firms. The city's photonics industry generated RMB 85 billion (USD 11.8 billion) in output, supported by integrated supply chains spanning lasers, optical communications and intelligent optical sensing. **(Xinhua)**

Profits Of China's Electronics Industry Up 96.9 Pct in H1

China's electronics industry recorded a 96.9% year-on-year increase in profits in the first half of 2026, driven by strong AI adoption and rising demand for computing power. Integrated circuit manufacturing profits soared 2,579.5%, while computer manufacturing and peripheral equipment profits jumped 689.3% and 305.8%, respectively, highlighting robust momentum across the semiconductor and computing sectors. **(Xinhua)**

APEC Embraces Data as New Engine

Member economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) agreed for the first time to treat data as a strategic resource for economic growth, calling for deeper cooperation on data innovation and connectivity. China generated 52.26 zettabytes of data in 2025, up 27.3% year on year, accounting for about one-quarter of global data generation, highlighting its growing role in the digital economy. **(China Daily)**