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China's AI Inference Data Surpasses Training Data for the First Time
China's daily AI token usage exceeded 175 trillion by June 2026, over 1,000 times the early-2024 level, as inference data surpassed training data, signaling a shift toward large-scale industrial deployment. More than 500 advanced smart factories now cover over 80% of manufacturing sectors, with domestic AI systems deployed across 20 industries. **(CCTV News)**

China Expands Western Computing Network to Support AI and Industrial Digitalization
China is accelerating the construction of computing infrastructure in western regions under its East-to-West Computing Resources Transfer project. Guizhou's computing capacity has reached 179 EFLOPS, over 98% of which is AI computing, while major data centers in Gansu and Ningxia are expanding. Applications span AI model training, film rendering, manufacturing and food processing. **(Xinhua)**

China-US AI Competition Leaves Room for Cooperation
US and Chinese AI models were separated by just 2.7% in Arena ratings in March 2026. Despite intensifying competition and US technology restrictions, cooperation continues in AI model distribution, patents and open-source development, with partnerships involving Qualcomm, Huawei, AWS and Chinese AI developers. Industry experts highlighted the potential for complementary strengths to support wider AI adoption. **(Global Times)**

China's Open-Source AI Ecosystem Expands Globally
China's open-source AI models have exceeded 10 billion global downloads, with national communities attracting over 11 million users. Alibaba's Qwen series has surpassed 4 billion downloads, while ModelScope serves 33 million developers across 239 countries. Applications are expanding across agriculture, education, healthcare and public services, promoting wider AI accessibility. **(Xinhua)**

Global Smartphone Revenue Rises Despite 19% Shipment Decline
Global smartphone shipments fell 19% year on year in Q3 2026, while industry revenue increased 3% to $114 billion, according to Counterpoint. Apple captured a record 50% revenue share. Xiaomi maintained 12% shipment share, with its average selling price rising over 10% to $258, highlighting the growing importance of premium devices amid rising component costs. **(EET China)**