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**China's electronic information manufacturing industry reports steady growth in Jan.-Oct.**

China's electronic information manufacturing sector grew steadily from January to October 2025, with value-added output up 10.6 percent. Operating revenue reached 14 trillion yuan (about 1.98 trillion U.S. dollars) and profits rose 12.8 percent. China produced 1.02 billion smartphones and 386.6 billion integrated circuits, supported by national industry policies. ([Ministry of Industry and Information Technology](#))

China sees strong growth in 5G base stations

China expanded to about 4.76 million 5G base stations by October, adding 507,000 since last year and making up 37% of all mobile sites. Telecom revenue reached 1.46 trillion yuan (about 207 billion U.S. dollars), up 0.9%. The country recorded 1.18 billion 5G users, a net increase of 170 million, supported by steady infrastructure construction and stable telecom sector performance. ([Xinhua](#))

China, US bolster semi-conductor cooperation in high-level talks

China's CCPIT delegation met with the U.S. Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) to discuss advancing bilateral cooperation in semiconductors and stabilizing global supply chains. The meeting included companies like Qualcomm. In separate talks with the US-China Business Council, both sides expressed commitment to dialogue, ahead of the APEC summit China hosts in 2026. Over 80 representatives attended. ([China Daily](#))

AI integration in real economy expected to gather momentum

KPMG reports rising confidence among Chinese CEOs, with 88% optimistic about China's economic outlook. AI adoption is accelerating: 86% expect returns within three years, and 26% cite digitalization as a top priority. CEOs also face challenges including ethics, data readiness, and infrastructure costs. As China deepens its "AI Plus" strategy, AI integration is expected to gather momentum across the real economy. ([China Daily](#))

China's smartphone output exceeds 1 billion units in first 10 months

China's electronics manufacturing sector maintained steady growth: output reached 1.02 billion smartphones (+0.7%) and 386.6 billion integrated circuits (+10.2%). Added value rose 10.6%, while revenue reached 14 trillion yuan (about 1.98 trillion USD) and profits 570 billion yuan (about 80.7 billion USD). Exports grew 1%, including 112 million laptops and 608 million phones. ([Xinhuanet](#))