

## NEWSLETTER

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#### Humanoid Robots Move Onto Fast Track

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) and the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC) launch nationwide humanoid robot rollout, targeting 100 scenarios and 10,000 units by 2026. Robotera enters postal/SF logistics hubs with thousands deployed this year, Galbot/S1 hits retail and CATL lines marking shift to scaled commercialization. **(China Daily)**

#### Humanoid Robots Enter Mass Market

In China, with surging production, prices in the commercial and industrial sectors have fallen sharply, while shipments continue to grow. Total shipments reached 14,400 units in 2025, and production is projected to reach 100,000 to 200,000 units in 2026. Localization of components and capacity expansion have significantly reduced costs. Many automakers are also flocking to this booming sector. **(China Daily)**

#### The Real Story Behind China's Manufacturing Might

BYD's cost edge over Tesla mainly comes from vertical integration rather than subsidies. China's manufacturing wages rose while export prices stayed low thanks to high productivity. Its R&D spending has climbed notably, ranking among the world's top innovators. In 2025, China posted a goods surplus alongside deficits in services and primary income. **(China Daily)**

#### NEVs Top Sales Charts in May

In May 2026, China's new energy vehicles (NEV) penetration hit a record 62.9%, taking all top 10 car sales spots, and internal combustion power disappeared from the top 10 list. NEV retail stood at 950,000 units while fuel car sales plunged 39% year-on-year. EV tech advances and consumer preference shifts drive the transformation, with carmakers stepping up electrification investment. **(China Daily)**

#### Electric Three-Wheelers Gaining Traction Overseas

Higher fuel prices and tougher emissions rules fuel global demand for Chinese electric three-wheelers. In the first four months of 2026, Xuzhou's related exports totaled 168 million yuan (\$24.8 million), up 87.1%), with parts exports at 115 million yuan (\$24.8 million). The products are sold across 130+ countries, and makers upgrade products to explore more markets. **(China Daily)**