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China's Slow EVs Register Fast Exports Growth

China's low-speed EVs are boosting exports via brand building, not just low prices. Zhejiang's Tao Motor, mostly earning overseas, leads the US LSV market with ~40 km/h carts. By reframing them as lifestyle vehicles for communities, ranches and golf courses, it turns a cheap product into a meaningful brand, proving that understanding foreign usage scenarios is the key to enduring exports. **(China Daily)**

Chinese EVs Gain Momentum As Demand Rises In Europe, South Africa

Chinese electrical vehicle (EV) demand surged in H1 2026 across five markets, led by France (+206%) and South Africa (+154.6%). Chinese brands saw strong interest, especially in France (+276%). While growth has moderated, the trend signals a shift from a short-term spike to sustained adoption. Chinese automakers are expanding presence through affordable EVs, with South Africa showing growing interest. **(China Daily)**

China Records Sharp Expansion Of EV Charging Infrastructure

China's electrical vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure expanded sharply in H1 2026, with total facilities reaching 23.06 million units (+43.2% year-on-year), driven by private chargers (18.05 million, +50.4%). Fast-charging deployment also accelerated, with over 180,000 high-power chargers built to ease range anxiety and support long-distance travel, further boosting EV adoption. **(China Daily)**

Chinese Autonomous Taxi Technology Enters European Markets

Chinese autonomous taxi firms are entering Europe via partnerships. WeRide plans a Denmark robotaxi service in H1 2027 with GreenMobility. Baidu's Apollo Go began testing in London with FreeNow, planning public rides in 2027. Pony.ai is piloting in Luxembourg with Bolt/Stellantis and operating in Croatia. European countries are coordinating cross-border AV testing. **(China Daily)**

Machinery Exports Sustain Strong Growth Amid Upgrading

China's machinery exports sustained strong growth in the first half year of 2026, rising 20% year-on-year to \$559.33 billion, with total trade up 15.9%. Exports to Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) countries, EU, and The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) grew 22%, 33.1%, and 19.5%, while US exports dipped 0.4%. Tech upgrades and market diversification led to a steady outlook. **(China Daily)**