

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **MACHINERY & AUTOMOTIVE**

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#### **Chinese Vehicle Sales Rise in Europe**

Chinese brands hit a record nearly 12% of Europe's new car sales in August. BYD registrations rose 131% to 26,103, Chery surged 210% to 24,332, and SAIC's MG rose 32% to 21,132. Chinese brands accounted for a quarter of hybrid and a third of plug-in hybrid sales. Combined electric vehicle (EV) and hybrid demand rose 27%, helping Europe's market grow 4.6%. **(China Daily)**

#### **Chinese Factories Embrace Robot-Driven Production**

Per International Federation of Robotics (IFR)'s 2026 report, China installed a record 354,000 industrial robots in 2025, taking 59% of global installations. Domestic robot brands captured 55% of its home market. Driven by the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030) and demographic pressures, key industries saw varied growth. IFR forecasts 5-10% annual market growth till 2029. **(China Daily)**

#### **Hainan Eyes Becoming a Bridgehead for Chinese New Energy Vehicle Exports**

Hainan aims to be a bridgehead for Chinese new electric vehicle (NEV) exports. Governor Liu Xiaoming said during the World New Energy Vehicle Congress 2026 in Haikou that Jan–Aug NEV penetration hit 66.1%, the highest in China, with NEV ownership at 25.7% of the fleet, second nationally. The province targets over 60% commercial NEV penetration by 2027 and has built 110 battery-swapping stations. **(China Daily)**

#### **Scenario-driven Innovation Practical Testing Accelerate Industry Development**

At the Intelligent Robot Application Skills Exhibition held in Hangzhou on September 20th, over 300 robots demonstrated manufacturing, healthcare and rescue uses. China's August industrial robot output rose 34.6% year-on-year; domestic robots serve 253 industry sectors. Experts discussed scenario-driven innovation and embodied intelligence challenges. **(Global Times)**

#### **China Aims Initial Large-scale Application of All-solid-state Batteries by 2030**

China aims for initial large-scale use of all-solid-state batteries by 2030, per its 15th Five-Year Plan for the new battery industry. Long-life lithium batteries are to reach 15,000 cycles. The sector's output value exceeded 1 trillion yuan (\$149 billion) during 2021–25. The plan covers 19 tasks across five areas, targeting applications in EVs, ships, aviation, robots and more. **(China Daily)**