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Robot Makers Deepens European Presence
China's robot exports reached 35.05 billion yuan ($5.24 billion) in Jan-Aug 2026, with Europe taking 51.04% (17.89 billion yuan, equal to $2.93 billion), overtaking Asia and the Americas combined. Cleaners dominate at 70.25% of exports, while European demand is shifting from research to logistics, manufacturing and commercial deployment, with labor shortages and rising costs accelerating adoption. **(China Daily)**

5-year Plan to Rev up NEV Sector
China unveiled its 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-30) for intelligent connected new energy vehicles (NEV), prioritizing AI integration across R&D, production and services, alongside large-scale autonomous driving demonstrations and mandatory national standards. The push comes as L2 assisted driving penetration in new passenger cars surpassed 70% in H1 2026, with NEV sales hitting 12.47 million units in Jan-Sep. **(China Daily)**

New Alliances Offer Hope to Battery Swap Sector
BAIC-CATL agreed to unify battery-swap ecosystems, while Huawei-linked Yinwang partnered with CATL and CAES on smart swapping. CATL's EVOGO network reached 2,520 stations across 200 cities by Sept 30, targeting 3,000 by year-end; Nio operated 4,186 stations and 120 million swaps by mid-October, as alliances aim to overcome fragmented standards and high costs—batteries make up about 40% of EV cost. **(China Daily)**

Chinese-made New-energy Heavy-duty Trucks Power Europe's De-Carbonization Efforts
Chinese new-energy heavy-duty trucks are accelerating Europe's decarbonization push. SANY's overseas orders surged 80% in H1 2026, while SuperPanther began localized production in Austria. Chinese makers hold a 30-40% cost advantage. China's heavy truck exports hit 41,000 units in September, up 29.4% year-on-year. **(Global Times)**

Draft Standard Aiming to Speed C-V2X Rollout
Beijing mobilized for its first major snowfall, issuing orange and blue alerts. It deployed 2,520 pieces of snow equipment (1,672 vehicles and 848 machines). The capital airport stockpiled 7,100 tons of de-icing fluid and 577 tons of runway de-icing agents, while Daxing airport mobilized 300 personnel and 84 vehicles. **(China Daily)**