

## NEWSLETTER

### HI-TECH & INNOVATION

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#### **China Patent Awards highlight innovation**

The 2025 China Patent Awards honored 40 Chinese inventions and designs for outstanding innovation and economic impact. Out of these, 35 were enterprise-led, with winners including Huawei, Gree, Tencent, and China Mobile. Tencent has filed over 88,000 patents, investing 379 billion yuan (\$53.19 billion) in R&D since 2018. Guangdong led with 11 gold awards, underscoring regional strength in innovation clusters. (**China Daily**)

#### **Shenzhen autonomous vehicle orders exceed one million**

Shenzhen recorded 1.02 million functional autonomous vehicle deliveries in September, up 13% month on month, creating 8.7 million yuan (\$1.2 million) in value. Nearly 800 vehicles operated citywide, led by Meituan and Neolix logistics fleets. With 1,257 routes spanning 3,581 km, Shenzhen is accelerating from pilot projects to large-scale commercial deployment in smart mobility. (**China Daily**)

#### **Tech start-ups to gather at WIC for AI dialogue**

Six emerging Hangzhou tech start-ups (Game Science, DeepSeek, Unitree Robotics, DEEP Robotics, BrainCo and Manycore Tech) will join the “Six Little Dragons Dialogue” at the 2025 World Internet Conference Wuzhen Summit (Nov 6-9). The session will highlight China’s advances in AI, robotics and brain-computer interfaces, underscoring the WIC’s role in linking domestic innovation with global digital cooperation. (**ZJ News**)

#### **China Innovation Index up 5.3% in 2024**

China’s innovation capability grew steadily in 2024, with the national Innovation Index up 5.3% year-on-year to 174.2, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. Spending on basic research rose 10.7% to 250.09 billion yuan, while invention patents granted climbed 13.5% to 1.05 million, underscoring robust R&D momentum and an expanding “three new” economy. (**Xinhua**)

#### **SOEs urged to pursue more tech-led upgrades**

China’s centrally administered SOEs are accelerating year-end efforts to meet 2025 targets and prepare for the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026–30), emphasizing tech-led upgrades and innovation-driven growth. From January to August, SOEs’ operating revenue reached 53.96 trillion yuan (\$7.6 trillion), up 0.2 percent year-on-year — the first positive growth this year, according to official data. (**China Daily**)