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Humanoid Robot Participation Quadruples at Second World Humanoid Robot Games
The second World Humanoid Robot Games (Aug. 22-26) concluded in Beijing, attracting 2,056 robots across 666 teams from 16 countries, quadrupling participation from 2025. More than 30 competitions tested motion control and core technologies, while scenario-based events simulated factories, hotels, homes and logistics facilities, highlighting the growing application of humanoid robots in real-world settings. **(Xinhua)**

Foreign Investors Show Growing Interest In China's Hard-Tech Sector
China's high-tech exports surged over 50% year-on-year in July, far exceeding total export growth of 17.8%. Artificial intelligence, semiconductors and advanced manufacturing are attracting growing foreign investment, with technology stocks gaining attention. Analysts cited China's manufacturing strength, AI development and innovation capacity as key drivers supporting the long-term growth prospects of the hard-tech sector. **(China Daily)**

2026 World Robot Conference Showcases Global Robotics Innovation
The 2026 World Robot Conference (18-21 August) in Beijing has attracted over 300 exhibitors from 26 countries, showcasing more than 3,000 robotic products, including over 300 debuts. The event highlights advances across humanoid, industrial and service robotics, with demonstrations spanning security screening, sports and other practical applications, reflecting China's expanding robotics ecosystem and growing international participation. **(Xinhua)**

Shenzhen's Huaqiangbei Emerges as Global Hub for Smart Technology
Shenzhen's Huaqiangbei, home to 35 specialized markets and over 115,000 businesses, supplies more than 1 million electronic products worldwide. Receiving about 750,000 visitors daily, including over 8,000 international visitors, the hub is shifting from component sourcing toward AI wearables, smart devices and flexible customization, with products now exported to more than 190 countries and regions. **(People's Daily)**

China Accelerates Shift Toward High-Tech Investment
China is accelerating investment toward high-tech industries, despite a 6.7% decline in overall fixed-asset investment in January-July. Investment in electronic circuit manufacturing surged 57.7%, while integrated circuit manufacturing and information services grew 11.5% and 19.2%, respectively. The trend highlights capital shifting toward advanced manufacturing, digital infrastructure and innovation-driven growth. **(China News)**