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Chinese Developers Boost Apple App Store
Chinese developers generated 4 trillion yuan (about $596.8 billion) in billings and sales through Apple's App Store ecosystem in 2025, more than doubling the 2020 figure. Physical goods and services accounted for 3.7 trillion yuan (about $552.1 billion), while overseas users contributed 52% of Chinese developers' earnings. More than 95% of total billings and sales incurred no Apple commission. **(China Daily)**

AI Drives Growth in China's Intelligent Device Market
Chinese technology firms are integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into smartphones, smart glasses, wearables and home devices, shifting products from command-based tools toward intelligent assistants. Alibaba's Qwen has launched AI glasses and clip-on earphones, while Baidu is expanding AI-powered home terminals. Government guidelines also support wider adoption of AI devices and humanoid robots. **(China Daily)**

China Establishes New Central SOE to Unlock Data Value
China inaugurated China National Data Group in Xiongan, Hebei, bringing the number of centrally administered state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to 100. The group will develop data resources, improve data infrastructure connectivity and supply high-quality datasets for artificial intelligence (AI). China's data output reached 52.26 zettabytes in 2025, up 27.28% year on year, accounting for 27.44% of the global total. **(Xinhua)**

Alibaba Explores Renewable Power Supply for Potential Spain Data Center
Alibaba Group is in preliminary talks with Spanish renewable-energy company Solaria to supply electricity to a potential data center, with no agreement finalized. The discussions support Alibaba Cloud's global expansion, as the company targets more than 20 gigawatts of data-center capacity by 2032. Spain's installed data-center capacity is projected to reach 3.9 GW by 2030, about four times its 2025 level. **(China Daily)**

AI Companion Pets Gain Traction in China's Loneliness Economy
China's AI pet market is attracting startups and major technology firms as young consumers seek companionship without the responsibilities of real animals. More than 125 million people live alone in China, while urban dog and cat market spending exceeded 312.6 billion yuan (about $46.64 billion) in 2025. However, sustainable subscription revenue and long-term user engagement remain key challenges. **(China Daily)**