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Exports Fuel Sales Figures in September
Despite a 24.6% drop in domestic retail sales and a 12% fall in new energy vehicle (NEV) sales, Chinese automakers stayed resilient in September, exports driving growth. BYD sold 463,561 units, up 17%; exports surged 153.9% to 179,877. Chery exports hit a record 207,814. At the Paris Motor Show, Chinese brands took 20 of 65 booths, France's share rising from 3.4% to 8%. **(China Daily)**

Opinions on Developing New-Type Productive Forces Issued
China's State Council released Opinions on Developing New Quality Productive Forces, an innovation-led framework with enterprises as key innovators. It prioritizes disruptive technology, core technologies, sci-tech forces, and commercialization. Measures include R&D reserve funds, higher tax deductions, SME support, pilot platforms. **(Xinhua)**

China, EU Reach Consensus on Areas Including Hybrid Vehicles, Rare Earths After Beijing Talks
China and the EU reached a 16-point consensus on trade and investment, export controls, IPR and WTO reform during high-level talks in Beijing on October 8-9, 2026. Key outcomes include an understanding of hybrid vehicle trade, a "green channel" for rare-earth export licensing to the EU, and continued discussions on EV anti-subsidy procedures. Both sides agreed to hold the third meeting in March 2027. **(Global Times)**

China Proposes Tougher Vehicle Designing, Testing Rules
China proposed stricter vehicle design and testing rules on October 11, 2026. From January 1, 2027, new models must submit detailed technical data on innovative designs; poorly tested or falsified data will be rejected. The draft bans fully hidden door handles, foldable displays, and "zero-gravity" seats while driving, requiring physical controls for lights and wipers. **(Global Times)**

NIO, Geely Cross-Share Battery Swapping, Opening Public Infrastructure
NIO and Geely announced a battery-swapping partnership on September 28, 2026, with cross-shareholdings in their energy businesses. Geely will hold a 30% stake in NIO Power, while NIO takes 10% of Geely's Haohan Energy. NIO Power targets 10,000 swap stations by 2030, and Geely plans over 22,000 charging stations by end-2027. **(Global Times)**