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China AI, Robotics and Semiconductors In-Depth Briefing

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Top 5 Key Takeaways

1. The Supreme People's Court of China issued judicial opinions on the adjudication of AI dispute cases (Fafa [2026] No. 10). Comprising 24 articles, the document addresses deepfakes, voice cloning, autonomous driving accidents, and AI training data, establishing China's first nationwide judicial standards for AI.
2. UBTECH commenced operations at an industrial humanoid robot manufacturing plant in Liuzhou, Guangxi, with an annual capacity of 10,000 units. Producing one unit every 10 minutes, the company established the world's first production line where robots assemble robots.
3. DeepSeek replaced its flagship V4 Pro with V4.1 Flash (552B). The model, one-third the size of its predecessor, outperformed the larger model in agent benchmarks.
4. The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs pushed back against Dario Amodei's proposal to decelerate AI development, characterizing it as "fearmongering." On the same day, President Trump dismissed AI danger narratives as a "HOAX" and phoned Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang to voice support for accelerating development.
5. China's Exit and Entry Administration Regulations took effect on September 15. The rules allow authorities to bar key AI personnel from departing the country for violations of export controls or technology transfer regulations, exemplified by the exit ban imposed on the founder of Manus AI.

China AI Models & Platforms

DeepSeek V4.1 Flash Replaces Flagship, Ushering in Era of 'Smaller Models'

DeepSeek unveiled V4.1 Flash on September 10. It is a 552B parameter Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) model featuring a 1-million-token context window and native multimodal image inputs. Starting September 14, DeepSeek has routed V4 Pro API requests to this model. While V4 Pro has 1.6 trillion parameters, this model at one-third the size surpassed the original model in agent benchmarks.

It scored 74.2% on DeepSWE v1.1, 88.1 on CyberGym, and 90.6 on Terminal-Bench 2.1. According to DeepSeek's announcement, it approaches or outperforms GPT-5.6 Sol and Claude Opus 5 in select tests. The price for cache-hit inputs was reduced by 60% compared to before. Tencent immediately integrated the model into WorkBuddy and CodeBuddy.

Ilya Sutskever warned of scaling limits in November 2025. DeepSeek has demonstrated empirical proof that a smaller model can beat a larger model. Under the premise that pre-training data is finite, inference efficiency is emerging as the new axis of competition.

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- Moonshot AI Surpasses \$1 Billion in ARR, Pursues Hong Kong IPO
- According to Bloomberg, Moonshot AI (Kimi K3)'s annual recurring revenue (ARR) exceeded \$1 billion as of August, with a year-end target of \$2 billion. It submitted a confidential preliminary application (A-1) for a Hong Kong IPO on September 3, aiming to raise \$3 billion to \$5 billion at a valuation of \$50 billion.
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- US Intelligence Agencies Warn of Large-Scale Distillation by Six Chinese AI Firms

- The US NSA, CISA, and FBI issued a joint cybersecurity advisory (AA26-251A) on September 8, revealing that six Chinese companies—DeepSeek, Moonshot AI, Alibaba, MiniMax, StepFun, and Zhipu AI—extracted responses on a massive scale from Claude, GPT, Gemini, and Grok. This involves model distillation, copying outputs from external models to train their own. Anthropic reported observing 151 million distillation attacks between May and July.
- China's Ministry of Commerce countered that distillation is a standard engineering practice, warning of countermeasures.
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- UBTECH Liuzhou Factory Commences Operations, Ushering in Era of 10,000-Unit Annual Mass Production
- UBTECH commenced operations at its industrial humanoid robot factory in Liuzhou, Guangxi, on September 12. Spanning 14,000 square meters and producing one unit every 10 minutes, the facility manufactures the Walker S and Cruzr series. In collaboration with Siemens, it established a digital twin-based hybrid production line. A 65-square-meter automated warehouse stores 112 humanoid robots.
- This is the world's first humanoid robot manufacturing facility with an annual capacity of 10,000 units, featuring a closed-loop system where robots assemble robots. UBTECH's first-half humanoid robot revenue reached 590.3 million yuan, up 1,445% year-on-year.
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- Unitree Unveils G1+, Upgrading 95,000-Yuan Affordable Humanoid Robot
- Unitree unveiled the G1+ humanoid robot on September 14. The standard model is priced at 95,000 yuan (approx. \$14,000) including tax. It features six key upgrades. A newly introduced 2-DOF neck structure allows head motion of -25 to +36 degrees vertically and 110 degrees horizontally. Peak torque for the shoulder and waist motors was increased by 110% while heat generation was reduced by 72%. Arm motor torque was increased by 43%.

- Unitree turned profitable with first-half revenue of 1.15 billion yuan. Its market capitalization stands at 216.9 billion yuan.
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- XPeng Launches Automated Production Line for IRON Humanoid Robot in Guangzhou
- XPeng launched an automated production line for its IRON humanoid robot in Guangzhou on September 8, automating over 80% of key processes. With 76 degrees of freedom overall and 21 degrees of freedom per hand, it delivers 2,250 TOPS powered by three proprietary Turing AI chips. Following assembly, the IRON walked off the production line autonomously.
- Initial production is set at 200 units per month, aiming for 1,000 units by year-end and commercial shipments to external customers in 2027.
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- Chinese AI Chip Prices Surge 20–50% Amid HBM Shortage
- In an exclusive report, Reuters noted that Huawei's Ascend 950DT has climbed above 250,000 yuan (approx. \$37,000), a 20–50% increase compared to two months ago. The Ascend 950PR also rose from 60,000 yuan at the beginning of the year to over 80,000 yuan. Cambricon 690 climbed 20–30%, while MetaX and Iluvatar CoreX have likewise raised prices.
- The price hikes stem from a shortage of High Bandwidth Memory (HBM). Following US export restrictions on HBM shipments to China in December 2024, grey market prices have skyrocketed. The cost of building computing infrastructure for Chinese AI enterprises continues to rise.
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- CXMT Begins China's First HBM3E Risk Production
- CXMT, China's largest DRAM manufacturer, has commenced risk production of HBM3E, with yields hovering around 25%. Alibaba T-Head and Cambricon have received pilot batches for testing. Target mass production is slated for 2027, with speeds of 9.6 Gbps per pin.
- South Korean memory manufacturers are already preparing HBM4E, maintaining a technology gap of approximately two generations.
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- Telecom, Network & Edge AI
- MIIT's 15th Five-Year Plan Codifies 6G Commercialization by 2030
- On September 7, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) released the 15th Five-Year Plan for the Information and Communications Industry, formally including commercial 6G deployment by 2030 in an official document for the first time. The revenue target is set at 4 trillion yuan. It also outlined targets including a 95% 5G penetration rate and 9,800 EFLOPS of intelligent computing capacity. The core architecture centers on "Integrated Sensing, Communication, and Intelligent Computing" (Tonggan Zhisan).
- 5G-A has already been deployed across 330 cities. China Mobile, China Telecom, and China Unicom commercialized the service in May 2026, leading Western telecom carriers by 12 to 18 months.
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- Policy, Regulation & National Strategy
- Supreme People's Court Issues 24 Judicial Guidelines for AI Disputes
- On September 7, the Supreme People's Court released the "Opinions on the Trial of Artificial Intelligence-Related Dispute Cases" (Fafa [2026] No. 10), comprising 24

articles across five parts. This marks the first time China's highest judicial organ has issued trial standards dedicated specifically to AI.

- Under the deepfake provisions, synthesizing a face or voice without consent to create an identifiable digital clone constitutes an infringement of personality rights; virtual likenesses of deceased individuals may also infringe on the interests of surviving family members. For autonomous driving accidents, liability is apportioned among manufacturing defects, driver negligence, and false representations of automation capabilities during sales. Regarding training data, utilizing publicly available personal information within a reasonable scope is not deemed an infringement, provided that the purpose, data sensitivity, and foreseeable scope of use are properly evaluated. The court refrained from issuing a definitive ruling on whether AI-generated outputs are copyrightable.
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- Exit and Entry Administration Regulations Take Effect September 15, Making Exit Bans on AI Talent a Reality
- The State Council's Exit and Entry Administration Regulations (19 articles) took effect on September 15. The regulations authorize authorities to prevent Chinese citizens from departing the country if their exit could harm industrial or technological security. Furthermore, individuals identified as having engaged in activities harming national security abroad may face exit restrictions ranging from six months to three years upon returning to China.
- Manus AI founder Xiao Hong and chief scientist Ji Yichao have been subject to exit bans since March, resulting in the collapse of Meta's \$2 billion acquisition talks.
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- US-China Tech Supremacy
- Trump and Vance Dismiss AI Deceleration Calls as "Hoax" and "Trojan Horse"
- On September 14, President Trump characterized AI risk warnings as a "HOAX." Calling Jensen Huang during the All-In Summit, he voiced support for accelerating

development, to which Huang replied, "There will be no slowdown." Vice President Vance referred to industry calls for regulation as a "Trojan horse," arguing that new regulations merely raise barriers to entry and favor incumbent tech giants.

- On the same day, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun refuted Dario Amodei's proposal as "fearmongering," adding that "confrontation and vicious competition will only disrupt global AI governance."
- As both the United States and China reject deceleration, the competition to accelerate AI development has become entrenched.
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- D-8 to Trump-Xi Summit: US Congress Introduces AI Kill Switch Bill
- President Trump will meet President Xi Jinping in Washington on September 24, with AI chip export controls, electric vehicles, and rare earths topping the agenda. This week marks the final legislative session before the US congressional elections.
- Senator Kennedy (R-LA) is introducing an AI kill switch bill on September 16, mandating a forced shutdown mechanism in all AI models, managed by corporations rather than the government.
- Senate Majority Leader Thune signaled a bipartisan "light-touch" regulatory bill. With only one week remaining in the House session, legislative passage remains unlikely.
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- This week marks a turning point in US-China AI competition, where discussions on 'pacing' have concluded and a 'speed race' has been formalized. President Trump

and the Chinese Foreign Ministry dismissed calls for deceleration on the very same day. The remaining variable is direction, not velocity.

- The 24 articles on AI disputes issued by China's Supreme People's Court represent a noteworthy judicial strategy. They reflect an approach of accelerating development while maintaining judicial control over disputes. Two years have passed since South Korea enacted the AI Framework Act, yet it lacks judicial standards for AI disputes. Disputes over deepfakes, autonomous driving, and training data are already an everyday reality.
- UBTECH's Liuzhou factory marks the inaugural year of mass production for humanoid robots. Producing one unit every 10 minutes is not yet comparable to automotive plant speeds. Nevertheless, an annual capacity of 10,000 units is sufficient to drive down prices.
- During the eight days remaining until the September 24 summit, US congressional AI legislation, bilateral US-China AI safety dialogues, and chip export control adjustments will move in tandem.

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World Economy Top 10

World Economy Top 10 **2026-09-16**

Period: 2026-09-15 05:30 KST - 2026-09-16 05:30 KST

Today's Top 10 Key Developments

1. The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield rose to its highest level since 2007. On September 15, it rose 5 points intraday to reach 5.04 percent, touching its highest level since July 2007 before pulling back slightly, amid a surge in oil prices and the burden of Treasury supply.
2. Expectations have solidified that the U.S. Federal Reserve will raise interest rates at its September 16 meeting. According to CME FedWatch, the probability of a 0.25-point rate hike rose to about 92 percent, which would mark the first rate hike since July 2023 if implemented. The decision will be announced early in the morning of September 17 KST.
3. International oil prices rose to a four-month high. On September 15, Brent crude was around \$107.5 per barrel and West Texas Intermediate was around \$103.5 per barrel, extending the previous day's gains as Middle East supply disruptions drove up prices.
4. The shutdown of Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline heightened global supply concerns. The pipeline, which bypassed the Strait of Hormuz by transporting 4 million to 5 million barrels per day to the Red Sea port of Yanbu, was halted following a drone strike, and Saudi Arabia stated that repairs would take 3 to 5 weeks.
5. U.S. stocks fell ahead of the Federal Reserve meeting. On September 15, the Dow fell 328.09 points, or 0.63 percent, to close at 52,093.11; the S&P 500 fell 0.45 percent to close at 7,585.73; and the Nasdaq fell 0.78 percent to close at 25,981.57.

6. European natural gas prices held near multi-year highs. On September 14, Dutch TTF rose 4.87 percent to 83.39 euros per megawatt-hour, hovering at its highest level since December 2022, driven by disruptions in Qatari liquefied natural gas passing through Hormuz.

7. The U.S. Empire State Manufacturing Index for September dropped significantly. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the index released on September 15 came in at 7.6, falling below the forecast of 14.75 and dropping 13 points from the previous month, while the upward trend in input prices and selling prices accelerated further.

8. The pan-European STOXX 600 index fell due to weakness in banking stocks. On September 15, it closed down about 0.4 percent at 633.3, as rising oil prices and rising global government bond yields weighed on risk-asset sentiment.

9. Gold prices fell near a five-week low. On September 15, spot gold fell 0.84 percent to \$4,263.19 per ounce, and December futures opened at \$4,340.30, pressured by rising Treasury yields and rate hike expectations.

10. The yen remained near a seven-month low. On September 15, the yen continued its weakness against the dollar in the mid-154 yen range, amid continued expectations that the Bank of Japan will raise interest rates to 1.25 percent, the highest in about 31 years, at its September 18 meeting.

Market Indicators

The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield touched 5.04 percent intraday on September 15, reaching its highest since 2007. U.S. stock markets closed lower, with the Dow at 52,093.11, the S&P 500 at 7,585.73, and the Nasdaq at 25,981.57. The yen traded in the mid-154 range against the dollar, and spot gold stood at \$4,263.19 per ounce. The pan-European STOXX 600 fell 0.4 percent to 633.3.

Central Banks and Policy

The probability of a rate hike by the Fed on September 16 rose to about 92 percent according to FedWatch, with the decision coming early in the morning

of September 17 KST. Prevailing expectations suggest the Bank of Japan will raise interest rates to 1.25 percent at its September 18 meeting.

Commodities and Energy

Brent crude was around \$107.5 per barrel and West Texas Intermediate was around \$103.5 per barrel, marking four-month highs. Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline was halted due to a drone strike, threatening the supply of 4 million to 5 million barrels per day, with repairs taking 3 to 5 weeks. European natural gas was near its highest level since December 2022 at 83.39 euros on the TTF.

Key Watchpoints for the Next 24 Hours

The Federal Reserve's interest rate decision and Chairman Warsh's press conference early in the morning of September 17 KST are the primary variables. Key factors to watch also include whether oil prices remain above \$100 per barrel and whether news emerges regarding repairs to the Saudi pipeline.

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International Conflict Briefing

International Conflict Briefing 2026-09-16

Today's Key Developments

1. The Ukrainian 3rd Army Corps announced that it recaptured 75 square kilometers through Operation Vivaldi on the northern Lyman front in Donetsk Oblast and fully liberated 10 square kilometers, including the village of Serednye.
2. Russian suicide drones attacked a gas station and infrastructure facilities in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, killing at least 1 person and injuring 12 others.
3. The UNHCR reported that escalating armed conflict along the western coast of Yemen and the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait area has displaced 100,000 new people.
4. The UN Security Council convened an emergency open meeting in response to the deepening bloodshed between Yemeni armed groups and government forces.
5. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights warned of the possibility that evidence of war crimes could be damaged or concealed during the Israeli military's rubble removal operations in the Gaza Strip.
6. North Korea officially announced the death of Yun Dong-hyon, former Vice Minister of the People's Armed Forces, who was a key figure in nuclear and missile development.
7. Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense unveiled plans to establish a cyber hunting unit to actively track cyber threats beyond passive defense.

8. Myanmar junta forces launched a suicide drone attack near the village of Nanmehkhon on the border between Shan State and Karenni State, causing civilian fatalities.

Frontline Developments

On the northern Lyman front in Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine, the Ukrainian 3rd Army Corps launched counteroffensive Operation Vivaldi. Ukrainian forces pressed the supply lines of the Russian 20th and 25th Armies in the area and recaptured an area of 75 square kilometers. Russian forces continue drone airstrikes targeting Kyiv and major city infrastructure. On the Yemen front, clashes between Houthi militants and government forces are expanding to the western coastal area of Mokha and major island regions.

Civilian Damage and Humanitarian Situation

In Kyiv, Ukraine, a gas station airstrike killed 1 civilian and injured 12 others. UNICEF reported that more than 1,000 air raid alerts were issued for Ukrainian schools just 15 days into the new school term, severely infringing on children's right to education. In the Gaza Strip, as body recovery operations continue among the ruins of destroyed buildings, UN human rights agencies highlighted the need to preserve evidence. In the western coastal region of Yemen, fighting forced nearly 100,000 residents to flee. In the village of Nanmehkhon, Myanmar, 1 civilian was killed in a suicide drone attack.

Diplomacy, Sanctions, and Military Support

The UN Security Council held an emergency meeting due to the deepening Yemen civil war and maritime security crisis. Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense allocated a budget to establish a cyber hunting team in line with its active cyber response strategy of "persistent engagement." North Korea sought internal unity by conducting a state funeral for former Vice Minister Yun Dong-hyon, a key contributor to missile development.

Key Observation Points for the Next 24 Hours

Attention needs to be paid to the progress of the Ukrainian 3rd Army Corps' Operation Vivaldi in northern Lyman and whether Russian forces carry out retaliatory airstrikes. It remains to be seen whether additional sanctions or relief measures will be discussed for the Red Sea and Bab-el-Mandeb Strait areas in Yemen following the UN Security Council emergency meeting.

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Global Incidents and Disasters Briefing

Global Incidents and Disasters Briefing **2026-09-16**

Basis: 2026-09-15 07:40 KST to 2026-09-16 07:40 KST. 12 items.

Today's Summary

An explosion at a salt factory in Mexico killed 3 people. A wildfire in Valencia Province, Spain burned 690 hectares of forest land.

Heavy Rain, Floods, and Typhoons

1. Typhoon Dujuan, the 25th typhoon of the East Asia season, forecast to develop

2026-09-16 06:50 (local time 09-16 06:50). A tropical depression developed and the formation of the 25th typhoon, Dujuan, was forecast. The typhoon may move toward mainland Japan during the holiday period. There were no casualties. The Japan Meteorological Agency urged caution regarding weather updates.

2. Flooding on the Kuskokwim River in Alaska, United States

2026-09-16 07:34 (local time 09-15 14:34). Strong winds blew across the Kuskokwim River area in Alaska, United States. Rising river water caused flood damage in coastal villages. Casualties are still being tallied. Local authorities guided residents to evacuate.

Wildfires

3. Wildfire in Valencia Province, Spain burns 690 hectares

2026-09-16 07:12 (local time 09-15 20:12). A wildfire broke out in Tuejar, Valencia Province, Spain. 690 hectares of forest land burned. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries. Spanish fire authorities deployed 200 personnel.

Accidents

4. Explosion and fire at salt factory in Veracruz State, Mexico

2026-09-16 05:00 (local time 09-15 14:00). An explosion and fire occurred at a salt factory in Jaltipan, Veracruz State, Mexico. Three workers died and one was injured. Mexican rescue authorities secured the site.

5. Death toll rises in house explosion in Vermont, United States

2026-09-16 05:57 (local time 09-15 16:57). The homeowner died in a house explosion in Granville, Vermont, United States. The cumulative death toll rose to 3. This report follows an earlier explosion incident. State police are investigating whether a propane gas leak was involved.

6. Building collapse in Enugu State, Nigeria

2026-09-16 06:59 (local time 09-15 22:59). A four-story building under construction collapsed in Enugu State, Nigeria. One resident died and four were rescued. Nigeria's emergency management agency arrested those responsible for the construction.

7. Passenger plane makes emergency landing after fuselage damage during takeoff in Iran

2026-09-16 05:42 (local time 09-15 20:42). A tire burst on a passenger plane taking off from Mashhad, Iran. Debris struck the engine and fuselage, causing a cabin ceiling panel to fall. All 127 passengers disembarked safely. Iranian aviation authorities began a thorough inspection.

8. Japan Air Self-Defense Force unmanned reconnaissance aircraft crashes at sea

2026-09-16 06:06 (local time 09-16 06:06). A Global Hawk unmanned reconnaissance aircraft of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force crashed into the

sea off the East Sea. The Japan Coast Guard found wreckage of the aircraft at sea. There were no casualties. Japan's Ministry of Defense launched an investigation into the cause.

9. Migrant boat sinks off the coast of Mauritania

2026-09-16 03:18 (local time 09-15 18:18). A migrant boat that had departed from Gambia sank off the coast of Mauritania. 37 people were rescued but 35 remain missing. Local fishing boats and the Mauritanian coast guard conducted a search.

Infectious Diseases

10. Measles outbreak spreads at hospital in Veracruz State, Mexico

2026-09-16 06:39 (local time 09-15 15:39). Measles spread at the Xalapa Cancer Center in Veracruz State, Mexico. 16 medical staff and patients tested positive, and 2 died. Mexico's Ministry of Health dispatched an emergency response team.

11. Poultry disease outbreak in North Kazakhstan Region, Kazakhstan

2026-09-16 05:35 (local time 09-16 01:35). An infectious disease outbreak occurred in the village of Shakhovskoye, North Kazakhstan Region, Kazakhstan. 13,500 geese died. Kazakhstan's veterinary authorities collected samples and conducted an epidemiological investigation.

12. Fourth measles death reported in Pennsylvania, United States

2026-09-16 07:14 (local time 09-15 18:14). A fourth person died of measles in Pennsylvania, United States. This report follows an earlier measles outbreak. US health authorities urged vaccination.

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