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**April 27, 2026****Government/Industry News**

- **China targets improved management of online platform employees:** According to Xinhua News, China is targeting an improved integrated working mechanism by 2027 for employees of online platforms such as for delivery companies. The guidelines urge online platform and delivery firms to ensure timely payment for their employees, safeguard their right to rest and enhance labor protection. China aims to strengthen governance of algorithms used by internet platforms and enhance transparency, and to use innovative technologies such as AI and the IoT to optimize algorithms.
- **Premier Li Qiang calls for high-level technological self-reliance and focus on frontier technology:** According to gov.cn, Premier Li Qiang said at an executive meeting of the State Council that China should target high-level technological self-reliance by monitoring global frontiers and aligning innovation with national strategic needs. Premier Li emphasized the need for original and pioneering research to transform China into a global innovation hub with significant international influence.
- **China criticizes EU over discriminatory measures on foreign investment in EVs, batteries and other key sectors:** According to an official Ministry of Commerce statement, the Ministry of Commerce has criticized the EU over discriminatory measures on foreign investment in EVs, batteries, solar and critical raw materials via the creation of investment barriers including plans to require member states to favor domestic companies in public procurement. China has suggested that the EU remove discriminatory requirements on foreign investors, local content requirements, and other restrictive measures.

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- **China to block Meta's acquisition of Manus AI:** According to Tencent News, China has decided to block Meta's USD 2 billion acquisition of Manus AI. The NDRC ordered the deal's cancellation in a brief statement on Monday.

### Company News

- **Xiaomi Lei Jun announces the first global market for Xiaomi EV will be Germany in 2H27:** According to IT Home, Xiaomi CEO Lei Jun announced at Beijing Auto Show that Xiaomi's first global expansion market will be Germany in 2H27 and that the company will expand into right-hand-drive markets in 1H28.
- **Xiaomi's Xring o1 chip reaches the milestone of 1 million units shipped:** According to IT Home, Xiaomi CEO Lei Jun said at an event that Xiaomi's Xring o1 chip had reached the milestone of 1 million units shipped. Mr. Lei Jun also said that Xiaomi will **invest over 60 billion yuan in AI** in the next three years. Xiaomi's self-developed MiMo-V2.5 will be open-sourced, and fit most domestically designed chips.
- **BYD's new flagship SUV Tang model receives more than 30k pre-orders within 24 hours of its launch:** According to Sina News, BYD officially launched its new Tang model, which is a full-size flagship SUV model, at the 2026 Beijing Auto Show. It received more than 30k pre-orders within 24 hours of its launch.
- **AliExpress' and Temu's user bases are in the leading position in South Korean e-commerce market:** According to Tencent News, AliExpress' and Temu's user bases are in the leading position in South Korean e-commerce market. The data from WiseApp Retail shows that 'in the Jan-Mar period this year' AliExpress and Temu's MAUs reached 8.57 million and 8 million, respectively, overtaking major domestic platforms including 11Street, Naver's Plus Store and Gmarket.
- **OpenClaw has adopted DeepSeek's new V4 Flash as default model:** According to IT Home, in an update on Sunday, an OpenClaw official said it had expanded its catalogue to include DeepSeek's V4 Flash and its flagship V4 Pro models, and had integrated other capabilities such as Google Meet into the agent. OpenClaw has also optimized how DeepSeek V4 models can remain consistent when performing multi-step tasks.
- **CATL and BAIC announce cooperation framework on battery-swap and energy strategy:** According to IT Home, CATL and Chinese auto brand BAIC have announced a cooperation framework on battery-swap and energy strategy. The partnership will deepen cooperation on choco-battery swap stations, co-development on new EV models, and battery-swap network sharing.
- **Pony AI announces new generation autonomous driving domain controller for L4 autonomous driving platform built on Nvidia Drive Hyperion:** According to IT Home, Pony AI has announced a new generation autonomous driving domain controller, a high-performance compute system designed for both Pony AI's L4 autonomous driving platform and a broader set of customer applications across autonomous mobility. The controller is built on the Nvidia Drive Hyperion platform and powered by Nvidia Drive AGX Thor with Nvidia NVLink, supporting Pony AI's next phase of commercialization in robotaxis and growing domain controller business.
- **DeepRoute to bet on physical AI and over 300k cars have been equipped with its autonomous driving system:** According to Tencent News, China's autonomous driving developer DeepRoute CEO Maxwell Zhou said at Beijing Auto Show that the company will bet on physical AI and former DeepSeek researcher Ruan Chong has been appointed as the Chief Scientist of DeepRoute. Over 300k cars have been equipped with its advanced assisted

driving system on China's public roads. Mr. Zhou expects the number to grow by an additional 1 million this year.

- **JD.com launches a new initiative to gather global AI hardware projects:** According to JD.com's official Wechat account, JD.com is officially launching a new initiative "Aidol Creation Camp" to gather AI hardware projects globally. JD.com will offer five core capabilities to support projects, which include capital support, open access to its JoyInside AI technology, and broad exposure on both online and offline retail channels, with the first phase of activities scheduled to start from May 25 to June 18.
- **CATL is seeking to raise about USD 5 billion from a HK share sale:** According to 36kr, CATL is seeking to raise about USD 5 billion from a HK share sale. CATL is offering shares at HKD 628.20 to HKD 651.80 each.
- **Onsemi is expanding long-term collaboration with NIO on next generation 900V EV platforms:** According to Tencent News, Onsemi is expanding its long-term collaboration with NIO to support the transition to next-generation 900V EV platforms. The partnership leverages Onsemi's EliteSiC technology to improve efficiency, performance, and scalability across NIO's latest EV lineup, including models debuting at 2026 Beijing Auto Show.
- **XPeng sets goal to outperform Tesla's FSD in August in China:** According to IT Home, XPeng CEO He Xiaopeng said that its VLA system has already outperformed Tesla's FSD in certain complex driving scenarios, and will overtake Tesla's FSD in August in China. XPeng also expects to begin full-scale production of its flying cars in 2027. Orders for the flying car have topped **7,000 units**.

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