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May 1, 2026**Government/Industry News**

- **China's first robot traffic police unit has officially gone on duty in Hangzhou, capable of monitoring traffic violations and providing directions to tourists:** The initial deployment comprises 15 robots, stationed around the West Lake area and major roads. Their responsibilities include advising non-motorized vehicle users and pedestrians on violations, assisting with traffic control, and guiding tourists, working alongside onsite police officers to enhance traffic order and management efficiency.
- **Qunar data shows that flight traffic and hotel occupancy on May 1 reached peak levels:** According to 36Kr, cross-border travel was strong. Chinese travelers booked hotels in nearly 1,500 cities worldwide via the platform, while inbound foreign arrivals doubled to cities including Guangzhou, Chengdu, Wuhan, Beijing, Changsha, and Hohhot.

Company News

- **Moore Threads has completed full adaptation for DeepSeek-V4:** According to 36Kr, leveraging its flagship MTT S5000 AI training-and-inference accelerator and the in-house MUSA software stack, and based on the SGLang open-source inference framework, Moore Threads has successfully completed full operational validation of DeepSeek-V4.
- **DeepSeek releases its multimodal model and publishes the technical paper:** According to 36Kr, this paper is titled "Thinking with Visual Primitives." The problem is almost all current multimodal large models can "see," but they may not be able to "think clearly." DeepSeek named this problem the "Reference Gap" and provided a complete solution. DeepSeek's multimodal model is able to match leading frontier models such as GPT-5.4, Claude Sonnet-4.6, and Gemini-3-Flash on challenging counting and spatial reasoning benchmarks.

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- **Xiaomi may launch a new independent EV sub-brand named SKYNOMAD:** According to Sina news, SKYNOMAD would focus on EREV family SUV models, differentiating itself from Xiaomi's existing BEV lineup such as the SU7 and YU series, according to several auto influencers. SKYNOMAD is expected to target family use, long-distance travel, and outdoor scenarios. On pricing, it reportedly will price in RMB 200k-450k range, with the entry model potentially priced below RMB 200k, directly competing with Li Auto's L7, L8, and L9. Xiaomi didn't comment on the report.

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