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2025 tariff adjustment plan takes effect

As part of Mainland China's tariff adjustment plan effective from 1 January, provisional import tariff rates – lower than the most-favoured-nation tariffs – have been implemented on 935 commodities. Import tariffs for some raw materials, pharmaceuticals, equipment, parts and components have been lowered, while the country's overall tariff rate remains unchanged at 7.3%. ([Xinhua](#))

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New Central Government measures promote digital trade

New measures to promote the development of digital trade – 18 in total – have been issued by the Central Government. In addition to fostering business entities engaging in digital trade, the measures will also ease market access in the digital sector. The target is to enable more than 45% of Mainland China's total services trade to be digitally delivered by 2029. ([Xinhua](#))

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Large-scale application of 5G to be realised in Mainland China by 2027

Multiple government departments in the mainland, including the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, have formulated an action plan for applying 5G technologies. The plan proposes that the large-scale application of 5G will be fully realised countrywide by the end of 2027. It will also promote the research and development and application of 5G-based intelligent robots and smart mobile terminals while encouraging the development of smart products integrated with 5G technologies. ([Science and Technology Daily](#))

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Shenzhen subsidies to lower costs of applying AI models

As part of an effort to build it into a vanguard city for artificial intelligence (AI), Shenzhen has launched a suite of 18 incentives to support the development of the AI sector. Under these incentives, an annual maximum of RMB500 million in “training vouchers”, RMB100 million in “model vouchers” and RMB50 million in “corpus vouchers” will be issued. These subsidies will support enterprises in paying for smart computing power and applying AI models and linguistic data. ([Global Times](#))

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Guangdong supports SMEs in corporate digital transformation

Guangdong has set out plans to provide RMB100 billion in comprehensive financing support to give small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) the financing services needed to carry out their digital transformation. The aim is to drive the digital upgrading of businesses across their design, manufacturing, sales, services, management and security operations.

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