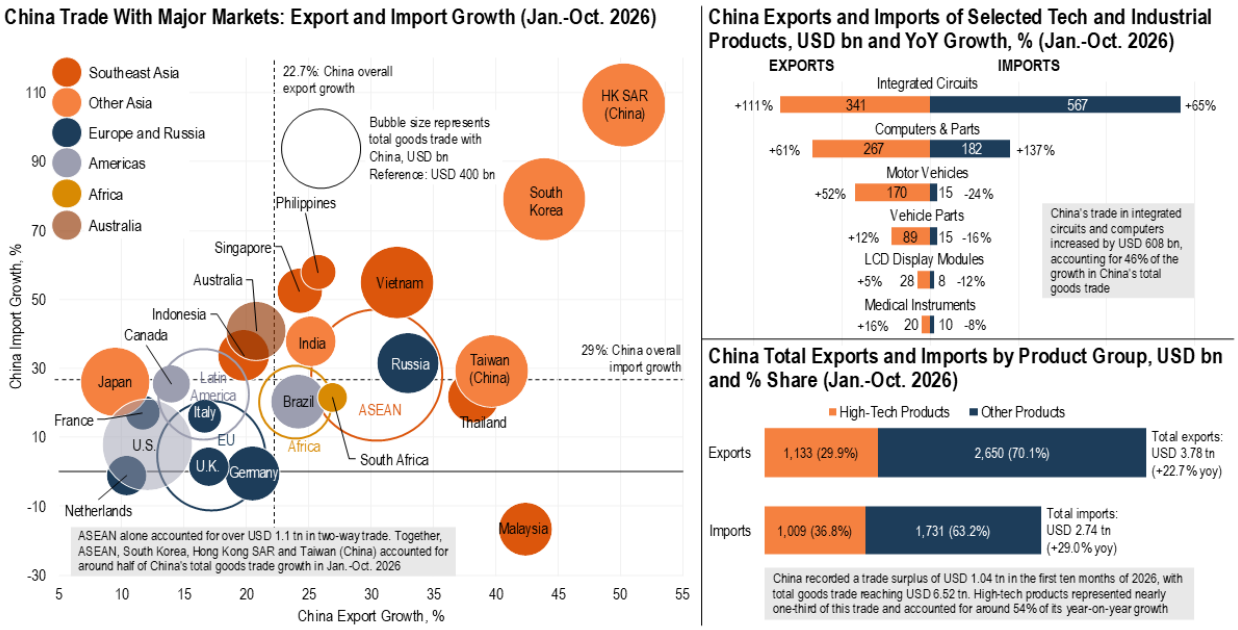
Technology and Asian Markets Drive China's Trade Expansion in 2026

China's goods trade grew by 25.3% in the first ten months of 2026, with high-tech products accounting for more than half of the increase and trade with major Asian economies expanding rapidly



Note: Hollow bubbles represent regional aggregates that include their respective member economies. Hong Kong SAR is a major re-export hub; shipments there do not necessarily reflect final demand. Contributions to trade growth are approximate.
Source: China Customs, ANDAMAN PARTNERS Analysis

China's trade expansion in 2026 is being shaped by two major developments: the growing importance of Asian markets and the rapid expansion of technology trade.

In the first ten months of 2026, China's goods trade reached USD 6.52 trillion, up 25.3% year on year. Imports grew faster than exports, at 29.0% and 22.7% respectively, while China recorded a trade surplus of USD 1.04 trillion.

Asia is central to this expansion. Trade with ASEAN exceeded USD 1.1 trillion, while trading relationships with South Korea, Hong Kong and Vietnam grew particularly strongly. Together, ASEAN, South Korea, Hong Kong SAR and Taiwan (China) accounted for around half of China's overall trade growth.

Perhaps the most striking development, however, is what China is buying and selling. Trade in integrated circuits and computers increased by USD 608 billion, accounting for 46% of the growth in China's goods trade. High-tech products now represent 30% of Chinese exports and nearly 37% of imports.

China's expanding role in global technology supply chains is therefore not simply a story of export success. It is also a story of growing global demand for technology, creating commercial opportunities for international suppliers.

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