VISIT TO THE FUTURE

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The Physical AI Revolution:

From Innovation to Industrial Reality

Executive Business Mission to Shenzhen & the Greater Bay Area

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Programme at a Glance

DAY 1	SATURDAY, 16 MAY (SHENZHEN) GUIDED INDUSTRY TOUR
Morning	**Arrival** at SZ
10:00-12:30	Guided participation in the **World AI Device Expo & Shenzhen Global AI Show**
14:30-17:00	Visit to **Huaqiangbei**, the world's largest electronics market

DAY 2	SUNDAY, 17 MAY (SHENZHEN) WELCOME & A TASTE OF SHENZHEN
10:00-12:00	Visit to **landmark cultural venues (Shenzhen Museum of Contemporary Art and Urban Planning/ Shenzhen Bay Cultural Square)**
14:30-16:30	Exploration of **MixC, Nanshan commercial and innovation district**
Evening	**Welcome Dinner with H.E. Massimo Ambrosetti, Italian Ambassador to China** (TBC)

DAY 3	MONDAY, 18 MAY (SHENZHEN) ITALY–SHENZHEN INDUSTRIAL & INNOVATION FORUM

10:00-12:00	**Opening event** hosted with Shenzhen institutional partners (Shenzhen Foreign Affairs Office, WICCO, TBC)
	• Welcome by Shenzhen municipal authorities (TBC)
	• Keynote by H.E. Massimo Ambrosetti , Italian Ambassador to China (TBC)
	• Presentations of Shenzhen's technology ecosystem and industrial opportunities focused on:
	  ◦ Physical AI and manufacturing
	  ◦ Autonomous driving
	  ◦ Low-altitude economy and drones
	  ◦ Venture capital and industrial investment
	• Delegation company presentations
	• Thematic roundtables with leading Chinese companies

12:00-13:30	Networking reception

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DAY 3	MONDAY, 18 MAY (SHENZHEN) ITALY–SHENZHEN INDUSTRIAL & INNOVATION COOPERATION
14:00-16:00	Visit to **Tencent Headquarters** - AI platforms, Industrial Internet and digital ecosystems • Guided VIP visit • Exclusive meeting with top management • Interactive session with business units on AI, robotics, and digital technologies applied across manufacturing and broader industrial use cases
16:30-18:00	Visit to **Xiaomi International Headquarters in Shenzhen -** world-class AI-enabled consumer electronics • Guided VIP visit • Q&A session on smart hardware, AIoT platforms, and device-driven intelligent ecosystems

DAY 4	TUESDAY, 19 MAY (SHENZHEN) ROBOTICS, PHYSICAL AI & SMART MANUFACTURING
9:00-10:45	Visit to **UBTECH Robotics** - global leader in humanoid robotics • Presentation & live demo of UBTECH's humanoid robots in high-tech manufacturing and AI education • Exclusive meeting with top management and exchange on real-world deployment scenarios
11:00-12:00	Visit to **ENGINEAI -** pioneer in embodied intelligence • Showcase of next-generation humanoid robotics • Exchange on commercial use cases and cooperation opportunities in the European markets
14:00-15:30	Visit to **Han's Laser** – world's leading manufacturer of laser equipment for precision manufacturing Or Visit to **Luxshare** - global leader in smart manufacturing, specialized in highly automated, digitally integrated electronic manufacturing systems
16 :00-17:30	Visit to **SmartMore** - fast-growing industrial AI and intelligent inspection provider • Showcase of AI-powered quality inspection and smart manufacturing applications • Executive-level exchange on industrial deployment scenarios and European cooperation

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DAY 5	WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY (SHENZHEN) VISION TECHNOLOGIES & PERCEPTION AI
10:00-12:00	Visit to **DJI Headquarters** - world-class leader in drones and aerial imaging technologies • Deep dive into drone-enabled solutions and cooperation opportunities in the European markets
14:00-15:30	Visit to **Insta360 Headquarters** - leading innovator in advanced imaging and immersive vision technologies • Discover the path of a unicorn pioneering in next-generation imaging systems and its expansion in drone-related applications
16:00-18:00	Visit to **SenseTime** - world-leading AI company specializing in computer vision • Showcase of perception AI applications for smart cities, industry, and mobility • Exchange on AI deployment scenarios and cooperation opportunities in the European markets

DAY 6	THURSDAY, 21 MAY (SHENZHEN) LOW-ALTITUDE ECONOMY & AUTONOMOUS AERIAL SERVICES
10:00-12:00	Visit to **Meituan** – leading on-demand services platform with advanced autonomous delivery solutions • Showcase of urban drone delivery and last-mile logistics applications • Q&A on autonomous services deployment and European cooperation
14:00-16:00	Visit to **SF Express** – leading provider of intelligent logistics and integrated supply chain solutions • Showcase of unmanned logistics operations • Insights into logistics innovation and cooperation opportunities in the European markets
16:30-18:00	Visit to **ZERO G** - innovative eVTOL provider • Understand eVTOL ecosystem and industrial deployment • Meeting with CEO and Co-founder to discuss deployment models and potentials in Europe
18:30-21:00	• **Nanshan Night** – business networking event with founders and CEOs of hi-tech startups hosted by Nanshan District

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DAY 7	FRIDAY, 22 MAY (GUANGZHOU) NEXT-GENERATION MOBILITY SYSTEMS: AIR AND GROUND AUTONOMY
	Transfer to Guangzhou
10:00-12:00	Visit to **EHang Headquarters** - global pioneer in autonomous aerial vehicles and urban air mobility • Deep dive into autonomous eVTOLs and urban air mobility • Exclusive meeting with top management and exchange on pilot projects and cooperation possibilities in Europe
14:00-16:00	Visit to **XPENG Headquarters** – autonomous driving, flying cars and humanoid robotics • Showcase of next-generation intelligent vehicles, flying car concepts, and humanoid robotics • Exchange on future mobility innovation and cooperation opportunities in the European markets
16:30-18:00	Visit to **WeRide** – leader in unmanned vehicle and autonomous transport services Or Visit to **Pony.ai** – leading robotaxis and autonomous mobility platform

DAY 8	SATURDAY, 23 MAY (SHENZHEN) INDUSTRY EXPO & STRATEGIC DEBRIEF
Morning	Guided participation in **Drone World Congress & Shenzhen International UAV Expo**
Afternoon	**Internal strategic debrief** • Review of key insights and opportunities • On-demand follow-up and cooperation pathways
	Late flight back to Italy

Note

The preliminary programme outlined above is indicative and and may be subject to changes, including modifications to the schedule, content, or visits, without affecting the overall objectives of the mission. Any refinements will be made to maximise strategic value and overall coherence of the mission.

Who we will visit

Companies	
Tencent	Tencent operates one of the world's largest digital ecosystems, connecting over a billion users through platforms spanning social communication, fintech, cloud computing, and AI services. Beyond consumer applications, its cloud and industrial internet infrastructure support manufacturing digitization, smart city systems, and enterprise-level AI deployment. The company represents a model of large-scale digital integration in which platforms, data, and real-world applications are closely interconnected.
Xiaomi	Xiaomi has built a globally recognized connected-device ecosystem integrating hardware, proprietary operating systems, IoT platforms, and large-scale intelligent manufacturing. Nearly one billion smart devices are connected to its platform beyond core computing products, making it the world's largest consumer AIoT platform. Its recent expansion into smart electric vehicles underscores the breadth and scalability of this integrated architecture across consumer, industrial, and mobility domains.
UBTECH Robotics	Established in 2012, UBTECH Robotics is among the few companies globally to commercialize full-scale humanoid robots designed for industrial and service environments, integrating core hardware, motion control, AI and human-robot interaction. Beyond research prototypes, UBTECH robots are already deployed in manufacturing, logistics, and public-facing scenarios such as AI education and healthcare. UBTECH is at the forefront of embodied AI and next-generation automation, advancing the integration of intelligent robots into both industrial and human environments.
ENGINEAI	ENGINEAI, founded in 2023, develops next-generation embodied intelligence systems combining adaptive control algorithms, AI perception, and advanced robotic hardware. Its work reflects the rapid evolution of general-purpose robotics toward greater flexibility and autonomy. ENGINEAI's team brings together pioneers from China's first wave of legged robotics research alongside experts from top institutions. Its solutions span scientific research, industrial use, commercial services and home companionship, advancing robots capable of operating in complex and unstructured environments.
Han's Laser	Han's Laser is one of the largest manufacturers of industrial laser equipment in the world, supplying precision systems to automotive, electronics, battery, and aerospace production lines. Its solutions are widely embedded across global supply chains, enabling high-precision cutting, welding, and micro-processing at industrial scale.With a strong international footprint, the company supports some of the most advanced manufacturing sectors and plays a pivotal role in high-end industrial production.
SmartMore	SmartMore is a fast-growing high-tech company specialized in AI-driven machine vision and intelligent inspection systems for smart manufacturing. Its platforms enable micron-level defect detection and real-time quality control across electronics, automotive, battery and semiconductor production lines. By integrating deep learning models with advanced optical systems, Smartmore enhances manufacturing reliability and yield rates. The company reflects the deepening convergence between artificial intelligence and industrial automation.

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DJI	DJI holds a dominant share of the global civilian drone market and has set international benchmarks in aerial imaging and enterprise drone systems. The company combines advanced flight control, camera stabilization, and imaging systems with intuitive designs, enabling professional, commercial, and industrial applications across filmmaking, agriculture, infrastructure inspection, search and rescue, and more. DJI's technological leadership has shaped the standards of modern drone performance and reliability.
Insta360	Headquartered in Shenzhen, Insta360 was established in 2015 and has grown into a global leader in 360° imaging and action camera technology. Renowned for its advanced stabilization, real-time stitching, and spatial capture systems, the company has expanded from consumer applications into professional and industrial environments. Its imaging platforms are increasingly integrated into aerial and mobility-related systems, reflecting the growing convergence between advanced vision technologies and autonomous platforms.
SenseTime	SenseTime is a leading computer vision and perception AI company with large-scale AI models deployed across smart cities, industrial automation, and autonomous mobility systems. Its capabilities span perception intelligence, natural language processing, decision intelligence, AI-generated content, and dedicated AI infrastructure, including chips, sensors, and advanced computing systems. This integrated stack enables high-density, real-time data processing in complex environments. The company has become a key player in visual intelligence technologies.
Meituan	Meituan is a leading Chinese technology-driven retail and local services platform. It operates one of China's largest integrated digital marketplaces for on-demand services, including food delivery and instant retail. Supported by advanced logistics and data systems, the company has expanded its capabilities into autonomous delivery systems, deploying AI-powered ground vehicles and a nationwide low-altitude drone network. It is also the first operator in China to obtain regulatory approval for commercial low-altitude logistics, enabling large-scale urban drone deliveries.
SF Express	SF Express is the largest integrated logistics service provider in China and Asia, and the fourth largest globally. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of logistics and supply chain services, supported by integrated data, AI, and robotics. In recent years, it has expanded the use of automation and drone-enabled logistics, which reflects the scale and technological sophistication of modern supply chain systems.
ZeroG	ZeroG is a pioneer in new-energy aviation, focused on the development of electric aircraft including eCTOL (electric conventional take-off and landing) and eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing) platforms. The company designs diversified aircraft solutions for low-altitude operations across logistics, emergency response, and infrastructure services. With production capabilities under development in Shenzhen, ZeroG is reinforcing its capacity to scale low-altitude operations and accelerate the industrialization of the emerging electric aviation sector.

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EHang	EHang, headquartered in Guangzhou, is a global leader in advanced air mobility (AAM), developing autonomous electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. Its diversified portfolio serves a wide range of applications, including aerial tourism and urban transport to logistics and emergency services. EHang is among the first companies globally to obtain certification for autonomous passenger eVTOL aircraft in China. Its expanding aircraft portfolio supports the emergence of a structured, multi-tiered low-altitude transportation network.
XPENG	Founded in 2014, XPENG is a leading Chinese smart electric vehicle manufacturer and AI-driven mobility company that integrates proprietary autonomous driving systems and continuous over-the-air AI upgrades across its fleet. Beyond ground mobility, the company is advancing flying car concepts and developing humanoid robotics, extending its expertise in AI, control systems, and intelligent hardware into new domains. These developments highlight the transferability of electric, AI, and control technologies across both mobility and embodied intelligent systems.
WeRide	Founded in 2017, WeRide is a global leader in autonomous driving technologies, developing solutions from Level 2 to Level 4. Its autonomous vehicles have been tested or operated in over 40 cities across 11 countries, and WeRide is the first technology company to obtain autonomous driving permits in eight markets, including China, the UAE, Singapore, France, Saudi Arabia, Belgium, Switzerland, and the US. The company has developed a comprehensive portfolio, including Robotaxi, Robobus, Robovan, Robosweeper, delivering smart mobility, logistics, and urban service solutions.
Pony.ai	Pony.ai, founded in 2016, is a global leader in autonomous mobility and a pioneer in the commercialization of self-driving technologies. The company operates Robotaxi, Robotruck, and Personally Owned Vehicle (POV) business units, advancing autonomous driving across passenger and freight applications. Pony.ai has secured regulatory approvals to test and operate autonomous vehicles in multiple international markets and is among the first companies to provide commercial robotaxi services on public roads, including in major Chinese cities such as Guangzhou and Shenzhen.

Expos	
World AI Device Expo 2026 & 7th Shenzhen Global AI Expo (GAIE 2026)	GAIE is a landmark event showcasing the latest generation of intelligent devices and AI-enabled systems with leading AI hardware innovators, platform providers, and industrial solution developers. The Expo will higlight advancements across next-generation AI devices, embodied intelligence & humanoid robots, large models & industry application solutions, smart manufacturing, edge computing, and autonomous technologies. Spanning a total exhibition area of 30,000 square meters, GAIE 2026 is expected to host over 500 exhibitors and millions of professional visitors, creating a dynamic platform for product launches, technical demonstrations, expert dialogue, and high-level business networking..

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Drone World Congress 2026 & Shenzhen 11th International UAV Exhibition (UASE)	Drone World Congress 2026 & Shenzhen 11th International UAV Exhibition is one of the leading global exhibitions dedicated to the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) industry and the low altitude economy. Gathering over 1,000 leading companies from all over the world, the expo serves as a platform for innovation, collaboration, and the advancement of the low altitude economy. The exhibition area is planned to reach 110,000 square meters, comprehensively covering the entire unmanned systems industry chain, and related key sectors including AI, robotics, eVTOL, flying vehicles, low altitude infrastructure, communication and navigation technologies and new materials, and new energy.

Optional Visits

Huaqiangbei	Known worldwide as the number one electronics market in China, Huaqiangbei has evolved from a modest street of small electronics processing and trading outlets into a global landmark for innovation and commerce. Often described as an Aladdin's cave of components, gadgets, and cutting edge devices, Huaqiangbei embodies the dynamic spirit of the global electronics industry. Spanning 1.45 square kilometers, Huaqiangbei carries the vast potential of the international technology supply chain within a remarkably concentrated area. As Asia's largest electronic components distribution center, it serves as a vital hub for cross border technology trade, attracting more than 7,000 international buyers each day and generating annual transaction volumes exceeding 400 billion RMB. From microchips and sensors to fully assembled consumer devices, Huaqiangbei enables rapid iteration, supply chain coordination, and real-time product development. Its unique concentration of expertise and resources has made it a defining engine of Shenzhen's fast-paced hardware commercialization model.
Shenzhen Museum of Contemporary Art and Urban Planning	As one of Shenzhen's key cultural landmark projects, the Shenzhen Museum of Contemporary Art and Urban Planning (MOCAUP) uniquely integrates two distinct institutions under one roof: the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Museum of Urban Planning. The Musuem offers a compelling perspective on the city's rapid transformation from a fishing village to a global innovation hub. Combining contemporary art exhibitions with large-scale urban planning displays, the museum presents Shenzhen's development trajectory through immersive models, multimedia installations, and architectural visions. It provides insight into how long-term planning, design, and policy have shaped one of the world's fastest-growing metropolitan areas.
Shenzhen Bay Cultural Square	Invested and developed by the Shenzhen Municipal Government, Shenzhen Bay Culture Square is a cultural landmark project of the new era. Covering 188,000 square meters, the waterfront complex integrates performing arts venues, exhibition spaces, and public cultural facilities within a striking contemporary architectural setting. Overlooking Shenzhen Bay, it reflects the city's commitment to cultural sophistication alongside technological advancement. The complex has become a symbol of Shenzhen's evolving urban identity, where creativity, public life, and modern design converge.