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Tech industry expo opens portal to tomorrow
国际消费电子展—开启通向未来的大门

Tech industry：科技产业
Tech： technology，科技
expo： exposition，博览会
portal /ˈpɔrdl/：出入口

The show must go on.
这场大秀还得继续上演。

go on： 继续
- The show must go on. 这句话常用在演出中

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在本周的国际消费电子展（CES）上，这番感触最为强烈。CES 是美国最大的消费型电子产品展会，而本届大会吸引了超过 18 万人涌入拉斯维加斯。此次展会提醒了人们，科技行业最擅长对自身的前景保持乐观。

sentiment /'sentɪmənt/：n. 情绪；（基于情感的）观点，看法
- nationalist sentiments 民族主义情绪
- public sentiment 公众情绪

CES： International Consumer Electronics Show，国际电子展
- consumer：n. 消费者
- electronics： n. 电子产品
- electronic： adj.电子的

convention /kən'vɛnʃ(ə)n/：n. 会议，较接近于集会

conference /kɒnf(ə)r(ə)ns/： n. 大会，相比convention更正式，更具讨论议题的功能。

reminder：n.提醒
- receive a reminder：收到通知单
- we needed no reminders that time was running out：我们不需要提醒就知道时间不多了。

optimistic /ɒptɪ'mɪstɪk/：adj.乐观的

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本次大会给了人们一窥今年最热科技趋势的机会。这些趋势包括人工智能虚拟助理，新一代无线网络，以及车联网。

peek/piːk/：n. 窥视，偷看
- a peek at/through/into sth.
- My mom couldn't **resist** peeking in my drawer. (v.) 我妈老是忍不住偷看我抽屉。 resist：抵抗

artificially intelligent virtual assistants：人工智能虚拟助理

next-generation： adj. 下一代的

wireless： adj. 无限的

connected cars：互联汽车，车联网

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CES 的重头戏是虚拟助理间的较量。亚伦·艾美是 Brilliant 公司的首席执行官，这个公司负责制造与 Alexa，谷歌助手和 Siri 联动的智能家居产品。他认为，"智能之家"中存在着不同品牌的照明开关、恒温器和摄像头，已经十分繁杂，因此，虚拟助理应当相互协作而非对立。

front and center：重要的，中心的
battle： n. 战斗，较量
chief executive (officer)：首席执行官（CEO）
- chief： adj.首要的；n.领袖
- executive： adj.经营管理的；n.经理
critical： adj.关键的，极为重要的
light switch：电灯开关
thermostat /'θɜːrməstæt/： n. 恒温器, 温度自动调节器
- thermometer： n. 温度计
- thermal /'θɜːml/：热的，保温的

Wireless carriers and **chipmakers highlighted** 5G, the next-generation **cellular network** arriving this year in a small number of cities with data speeds so **zippy** that **devices** can download an entire movie **in seconds**.

无线运营商和芯片制造商都重点介绍了 5G 网络。这个新一代的蜂窝网络已于今年登陆少量城市，其速度之快，使得电子设备顷刻间就可以下载一整部电影。

wireless carrier：无线运营商
- a telecoms carrier： 电信运营商
chipmaker/tʃɪp'meɪkər/： n. 芯片制造商
- a silicon chip： 硅芯片
highlight： v.强调；n.强调部分
cellular network：蜂窝网络
- **cellular** /'sɛljʊlə/： adj.细胞的，蜂窝式的，（由很小物质组成的）
- cellular structure：蜂窝结果
zippy /'zɪpi/： adj. 敏捷的；精力充沛的
- zippy 在表示速度快时相当于 fast，比如速度很快的汽车，a zippy car，但相比于 fast,

zippy 除了表示速度快，还可以表示精力充沛的，比如 a zippy performance，充满活力的表演。

device： n.装置，设备

in seconds： 顷刻间

Car **manufacturers** like Mercedes-Benz and BMW **showed off** concepts of **autonomous vehicles powered** by AI and 5G wireless connections. Smarter cars with features like **built-in** voice assistants to help people use maps, play music or get a sports update without **taking their eyes off** the road are available now.

梅赛德斯-奔驰和宝马等汽车制造商都隆重介绍了一些新概念：由人工智能和 5G 网络无线连接技术驱动的自动驾驶汽车。更智能的汽车现已开售，它们配有车载语音助手，可以帮助人们在专注于路况的情况下使用地图，播放音乐或是获取最新的体育新闻。

manufacturer/ˌmænjuˈfæktʃərər/：n. 制造商

- **manufacture**： v./n.制造

- manufacture cars： 制造(v.)汽车

- the manufacture of cars： 汽车的制造（n. ）

showed off：v./ n. 炫耀

- He is such a show off. 他是个爱炫耀的人（n. ）

autonomous vehicle： 自动驾驶汽车

- = driverless car

- **autonomous** /ɔːˈtɒnəməs/： 自主的

- autonomous learners： 自主学习者

- an autonomous region： 自治区

- **vehicle** /viːɪk(ə)l/： 机动车

- 'closed to vehicles'： "禁止车辆通行"

power /ˈpaʊər/： v. 为…提供动力，驱动

- a powered wheelchair： 电动轮椅

built-in /ˌbɪlt ˈɪn/： adj. 内嵌的；嵌入式的

built-in wardrobes

take (sb.'s) eyes off： 移开视线

- You are just too good to be true, can't take my eyes off you.

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公司的行政主管马特·施特劳斯对于新一年的科技前景极其乐观。他表示，几乎所有展品都需要网络连接，所以它是人们最离不开的东西。

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他说："网络变成了氧气般的存在。"

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