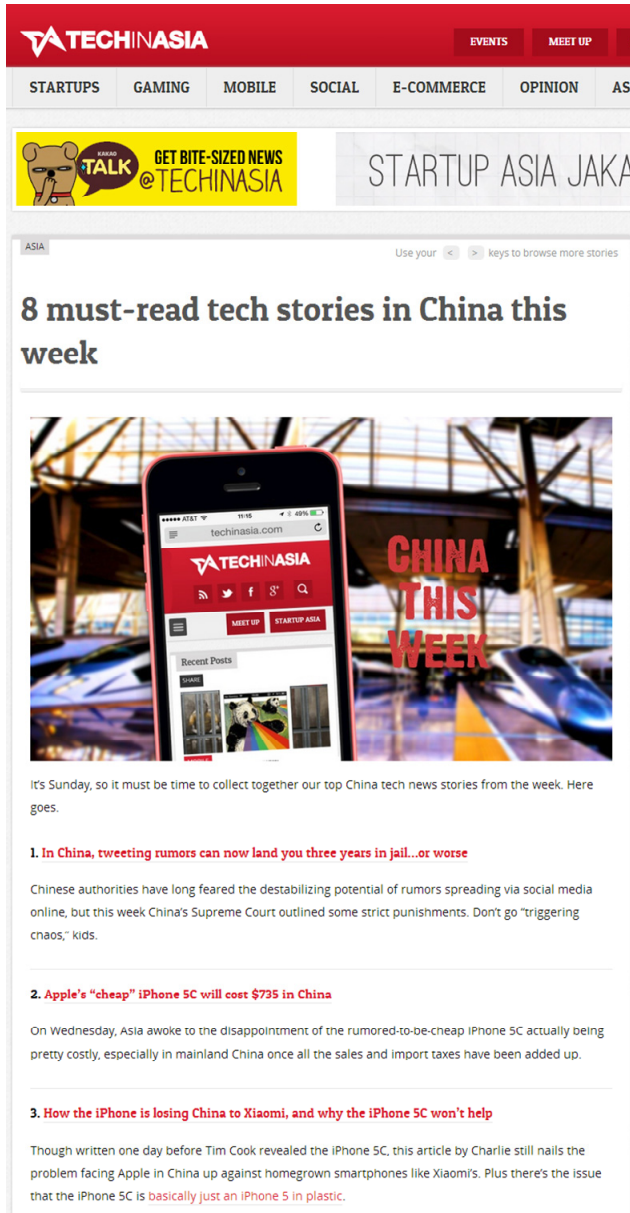


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8 must-read tech stories in China this week



It's Sunday, so it must be time to collect together our top China tech news stories from the week. Here goes.

- 1. In China, tweeting rumors can now land you three years in jail...or worse**

Chinese authorities have long feared the destabilizing potential of rumors spreading via social media online, but this week China's Supreme Court outlined some strict punishments. Don't go "triggering chaos," kids.
- 2. Apple's "cheap" iPhone 5C will cost \$735 in China**

On Wednesday, Asia awoke to the disappointment of the rumored-to-be-cheap iPhone 5C actually being pretty costly, especially in mainland China once all the sales and import taxes have been added up.
- 3. How the iPhone is losing China to Xiaomi, and why the iPhone 5C won't help**

Though written one day before Tim Cook revealed the iPhone 5C, this article by Charlie still nails the problem facing Apple in China up against homegrown smartphones like Xiaomi's. Plus there's the issue that the iPhone 5C is [basically just an iPhone 5 in plastic](#).

4. ICANN approves two new Chinese-language web domain endings, set to come online soon

At a signing ceremony in Beijing, ICANN, the organization that oversees internet domain registries, has approved two new Chinese-language web domain endings (ie: gTLDs). But will companies buy into them?

5. Most mobile internet users in China say they are influenced by ads

Lots of insights in this new report, including the fact that 46 percent of Chinese people would choose their mobile device over TV sets and desktop computers.

6. Report: Xiaomi is developing its own mobile OS

Chinese tech media sites are reporting that according to an informed source, Xiaomi has an internal team that has been working on a mobile operating system since last April. Hedging its bets against Android?

7. 5 of China's coolest homegrown smartphones in 2013 (INFOGRAPHIC)

Speaking of China's homegrown smartphone makers, here are five of their coolest creations right now.

8. Music is an inaccessible industry for tech startups

We look into some of the ways in which entrepreneurs are locked out of this important industry.

That's all for this week! You can also find us on [G+](#), and on [Twitter](#) as [@Techinasia](#).

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