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Welcome to *Environmental China*, PACE's electronic newsletter devoted to giving interested readers a comprehensive update of news concerning China's environment. This newsletter will be sorted first with an Opinion section, and then a rundown of news divided into Public/NGOs, Government, and Corporations, with news about each sector's involvement in China's environment. Articles within each section are sorted chronologically. Any comments, suggestions or questions can be directed to cc.huang2@gmail.com.

OPINION

Thinking out of the climate box: Re-examining monolithic approaches to the “common by differentiated responsibilities” impasse (The Green Leap Forward, 4/8/2009) As international climate talks conclude today in Bonn, Germany, the time is right for another climate change policy edition of The Green Leap Forward. Today, we explore emerging new frameworks that might just get China on the path to enacting tangible emissions reductions.

Fixing Beijing's transport nightmare (China Dialogue, 4/8/2009) The benefits of a city toll go far beyond climate-change mitigation, writes Felix Creutzig. Even car drivers will appreciate the advantages of a greener transport infrastructure.

[Solar power: The fastest growing energy source in the world](#) (Jutia Group, 4/8/2009) A look at the 2 biggest markets for solar power, Germany and China, and solar power investment opportunities.

[The China WEEE Post](#) (China Environmental Law Blog, 4/8/2009) I hate to disappoint, but if you've read China's WEEE (Regulation for the *Administration of the Recovery and Disposal of Waste Electric and Electronic Products*) regulation you have discovered there is not much there there. This took five years to develop!?

[China's Copenhagen commitments: A workable solution](#) (Climate Progress) "China should at the very least be expected to commit to a cap on its CO₂e emissions in 2030 at 7.8 Gigatons" (15% above 2005 levels) — so says guest poster Charlie McElwee. This is based on a new McKinsey study McElwee discusses. Needless to say, the U.S. must commit to deep reductions by 2030 — 42% below 2005 levels (a la [Waxman-Markey](#) and [USCAP](#)) is a reasonable figure. But the notion offered by some — "[Binding targets for the developing nations is \[sic\] out of the question](#)" — is the road to [Hell and High Water](#) for the Chinese, Americans, and the rest of humanity.

[Improving the rules on carbon projects](#) (Environmental News Network, 4/8/2009) Climate negotiations must promote capacity building, not impose quotas, if all developing countries are to benefit from the Clean Development Mechanism, argues ZhongXiang Zhang.

[Traffic bans a quick fix](#) (China Daily, 4/7/2009) It is important to point out that the current solution amounts to nothing but a minimal response to the city's growing traffic and environmental problems.

[A new approach at Copenhagen \(Part 2 and Part 3\)](#) (China Dialogue, 4/6/2009) To classify a nation as "developing" or "developed" is insufficient to decide its climate-change responsibilities. In the first segment of a three-part essay for chinadialogue, leading economist Hu Angang explains the alternative.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Fair's fair for environmentally friendly life](#) (Xinhua, 4/8/2009) The ANKEN Green redevelopment, where the fair is staged, is

designed to promote grass-roots environmentally sensitive building and property management practices.

Green group finds heavy use of insecticides in Chinese produce (Kyodo, 4/8/2009) Environmental group Greenpeace China said Wednesday that consuming vegetables and fruits in China is life-threatening, following a release of test results that show vegetables and fruits sold in supermarkets contain deadly and banned bug repellants.

World Environment Center and Shanghai General Motors launch cleaner production partnership with 80 suppliers in China (CSRwire, 4/7/2009) The World Environment Center (WEC) and Shanghai General Motors (SGM) have launched the 2009 phase of their innovative partnership to foster environmental stewardship among SGM's China-based suppliers through the Green Supply Chain project.

Hong Kong reports 13th confirmed EV71 infection this year (People's Daily, 4/7/2009) Hong Kong health authorities said it received report on a confirmed case of enterovirus- 71 infection on Monday, raising the number of such cases so far this year to 13.

China's HFMD toll rises to 31 (Straits Times, 4/7/2009) THE death toll in China from a highly contagious disease which is especially dangerous for young children has risen to at least 31 so far this year, government and state media said on Tuesday.

World Health Organization appoints Jet Li as goodwill ambassador (Medical News Today, 4/6/2009) World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan has appointed international film star Jet Li as WHO Goodwill Ambassador.

Development debate clouds Asia's holiest holiest peak (Earth Times, 4/6/2009) For centuries, only a few hardy tourists have joined the hundreds of Buddhist, Hindu, Jain and Tibetan Bon pilgrims who make an annual trek to Asia's holiest peak, Mount Kailash. That could change dramatically next year when planeloads of tourists are scheduled to begin arriving at a newly expanded airport in Tibet's Ali, also known as Nagri, which administers Kailash.

CORPORATIONS

Seabed tunnel gets green light (China Daily, 4/9/2009) Plans for a harbor tunnel under the South China Sea have been approved, paving the way for the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai- Macau bridge.

Sweden' s Cardo to supply China water treatment plants worth SEK13 million (ChinaCSR, 4/9/2009) The Wastewater Technology Solutions division of Swedish conglomerate Cardo has won contracts to supply and install pumps and mixers for two waste water treatment plants in China.

Far East energy announces gas production (CNW, 4/8/2009) Far East Energy Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: FEED) announced today that it has achieved critical desorption pressure (CDP) in a portion of the 1H Pilot Area in its Shouyang Block in Shanxi Province, China.

Canadian Solar Inc. will power rural China (UPI, 4/8/2009) Canadian Solar announced it was recently selected through a competitive bid to supply solar panels in rural China.

Suspected chemical pollution kills thousands of fish in SW China river (Xinhua, 4/8/2009) The mysterious death of thousands of fish in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality may be connected with chemical pollution, an environmental authority said on Wednesday.

China targets 20 bln watts of wind power capacity by 2010 (Xinhua, 4/7/2009) China plans to expand its installed capacity of wind power to 20 billion watts by 2010, which would double the earlier official expectation, according to an article of Zhang Guobao, head of National Energy Administration, carried on the Qiu Shi magazine published last week.

Jiangxi to add 1-2 solar stations in 2009 (JLM Pacific Epoch, 4/7/2009) The Jiangxi provincial branch of China's National Development and Reform Commission may establish one or two solar power stations in Jiangxi's Nanchang or Xinyu cities.

China aviation plans Shanghai jet fuel storage base, CBI says (Bloomberg, 4/7/2009) China National Aviation Fuel Group Corp., the nation's largest supplier of the fuel, plans to build a jet fuel storage base in Shanghai, commodities researcher CBI China Co. said.

[Hydro sells off China wind farm share](#) (ABC News, 4/7/2009) Hydro Tasmania has announced it is selling its share in the foreign arm of its renewable energy business Roaring 40s. Roaring 40s is a 50-50 joint venture between Hydro Tasmania and the China Light and Power group.

[Southwest Windpower gets injection of investment money](#) (Arizona Daily Sun, 4/7/2009) **The company is looking to produce small wind turbines in China, for sale in China, that would power a typical household containing a small television, two lights, a fan, and a radio.**

[UTC to help aid reforestation](#) (China Daily, 4/6/2009) US-based industrial group United Technology Corporation (UTC) has signed an agreement with the government of Beichuan Ethnic Qiang autonomous county in Sichuan province to support the forest restoration of Xiaozhaizigou Nature Reserve.

[Two workers in China killed by methane gas](#) (UPI, 4/5/2009) Two workers died after inhaling methane gas at a paper mill in China's Sichuan province, an official said Sunday.

[Slowdown' s gift to Beijing: cleaner air](#) (AP, 4/5/2009) The global economic slowdown is helping to accomplish what some in China's leadership have striven to do for years: rein in the insatiable demand for coal-powered energy that has fed the country's breakneck growth but turned it into one of the world's most polluted nations.

[Can Hong Kong build bigger, higher, greener?](#) (CNN, 4/6/2009) Hong Kong's buildings account for 89 percent of all energy consumed in the city, according to the Hong Kong government. There's a growing need and slow realization that energy efficient measures need to be put in place.

[Nuclear power plants being constructed in Hubei](#) (Xinhua, 4/6/2009) Central China's Hubei province, which is preparing for the construction of the country's first inland nuclear power plant, is considering building three more such plants, a local official has said.

[China' s coal-to-liquids project buffeted by changing policy, economics](#) (Xinhua, 4/5/2009) Chinese coal enterprises have made strides in

coal to liquids (CTL) projects, using both direct and indirect methods, despite difficulties in the market and policy environments.

Rainforest in SW China felled for rubber plantations (Shanghai Daily, 4/3/2009) A rainforest in southwest China is being felled to make room for profitable rubber plantations.

GOVERNMENT

China health reform plans a clinic in each village (AP, 4/9/2009) China said yesterday that it would build a clinic in each of its nearly 700,000 villages within three years, part of a sweeping 850 billion yuan (US\$124 billion) investment in health care reform. The clinic program is part of an even more ambitious plan to provide basic medical coverage and insurance to all of China's 1.3 billion people.

China's \$125 bln health reform holds challenges (Reuters, 4/8/2009) China's new, 850 billion yuan (\$124.3 billion) health care reform plan aims to bring coverage to 200 million uninsured Chinese, but it still relies heavily on spending by cash-strapped local governments and may disappoint international companies eager to enter the Chinese market.

World health experts in China to discuss mitigation of natural disasters (ChinaCSR, 4/8/2009) The World Health Organization and the Chinese Ministry of Health jointly unveiled a conference in Chengdu which focuses on the devastating Wenchuan earthquake that hit south and central China on May 12, 2008.

Xiaolangdi hydel project gets nod (Xinhua, 4/8/2009) The Xiaolangdi Water-Control Project was officially hailed a success Tuesday after eight years as a pilot operation. The project is the most difficult ever built on the world's muddiest natural waterway, the Yellow River.

Huge coal reserve discovered in Xinjiang (Xinhua, 4/8/2009) China discovered a 3-billion-ton coal reserve at Aiding Lake in its northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

[Oil on the agenda as Chavez arrives in China](#) (AFP, 4/8/2009) Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez arrived in China on Tuesday on a visit likely to deepen already strong ties that focus on oil but branch into areas stretching from the military to the media.

[China issues green gas emission control plan](#) (ChinaCSR, 4/7/2009) China's State Council Development Research Center has published a report on green gas emission control.

[Stars and moon save money, say officials](#) (Shanghai Daily, 4/7/2009) Officials in a mountainous county in northwest China have defended the local government's 2.1-million- yuan (US\$307,220. 61) "moonlight town" project describing it as environmentally friendly and economically efficient.

[China Science and Technology Museum catches fire](#) (China News Wrap, 4/7/2009) The Xinhua News Agency has a photo story about a fire on the construction site of the China Science and Technology Museum, located in the Beijing Olympic Village.

[Beijing keeps Olympic restrictions on cars after air quality improves](#) (Guardian, 4/6/2009) The air quality legacy of the Beijing Olympics looks set to linger a little longer after the Chinese capital announced a 12-month extension of traffic restrictions imposed ahead of last year's games plus more stringent measures targeting high-emissions vehicles.

[Russian oil pipeline to reach Chinese border within weeks: Putin](#) (Xinhua, 4/6/2009) The Russian state oil pipeline Transneft will finish the laying of the East Siberia-Pacific Ocean(ESPO) oil pipeline to the Chinese border within weeks, said Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin Monday when presenting to the State Duma, lower house of parliament, a government report.

[Hydel project protects eco-system of Yellow River](#) (Xinhua, 4/7/2009) The 35.2-billion- yuan Xiaolangdi Water-Control Project on the Yellow River in Henan province is helping to improve the eco-system and environment downstream, officials said Monday.

[Achievement of wetland protection welcomes the migratory birds in Ningxia](#) (Xinhua, 4/6/2009) Migrating birds in northwest China's Ningxia

province are enjoying a little more elbow room as spring arrives at the Yuehai National Wetland Park

Chinese leaders join Beijingers for tree planting (Xinhua, 4/5/2009) Chinese President Hu Jintao and other senior Chinese leaders joined millions of people in Beijing for voluntary tree planting Sunday morning.

Talk of carbon tariff flatly rejected by China, prompts 'protectionist' charges (NEEDigest, 4/5/2009) One day after China's top climate official, Li Gao, requested that his country's export sector be exempt from greenhouse gas emissions reductions, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced the possibility of levying a carbon tariff on countries that do not match US greenhouse gas emissions restrictions.

Medical muddling in a children's epidemic (Caijing, 4/3/2009) Local health officials in some parts of China set their own rules for reporting cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. That's changing.