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OPINION

Made in China: The future of clean energy? (*EnergyBoom*, 2/4/2010) If the rapid expansion of its wind and solar industries are any indication, China's global dominance may be a foregone conclusion. Last year, China leapfrogged past its competitors to become the number one producer of wind turbines in the world. It already held the position of being the world's largest manufacturer of solar panels. What's more, both industries are set to greater expansion.

The National Energy Commission: Myth-busting the "New Energy Super Ministry" (*The Green Leap Forward*, 2/4/2010) The "new energy super ministry" announced last week is neither new, nor a super ministry. Let's discuss.

China should be prepared for the cold and use coal: Swedish expert (*People's Daily*, 2/4/2010) Swedish climate expert Fred Goldberg said that China should be prepared for the cold weather in the following years and use the coal, but clean it, carbon dioxide is not an environmental problem.

China and green GDP (*The Energy Collective*, 2/3/2010) Back in the mid-2000s China began to experiment with the notion of Green GDP as a new way of accounting for its growth in an environmental context. This was touched on in a previous blog post, but I thought a more in depth look into exactly what Green GDP showed and why it failed would provide some insight.

Chinese cities growing fast (*The China Business Network*, 2/3/2010) Head of Tishman Speyer China Ryan Botjer experiences first hand China's rapidly expanding cities. His company is a major business real estate company and has enjoyed much success especially in the growing 2nd and 3rd tier Chinese cities. He warns, though, that the cities can grow only as fast as the infrastructure can keep up.

China, U.S., and Europe race for the smart grid (*Mother Nature Network*, 2/1/2010) Are American electric utilities lagging behind China in the race to fund and build the construction of a smart energy grid?

China ahead in renewable energy (*GreenFudge*, 2/1/2010) While the United States and other countries offer incentives for development in the renewable energy industry, China passes laws that require it.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

Bright Shanghai lights block view of astronomers (*Xinhua*, 2/5/2010) China's second largest optical telescope at the Sheshan branch of the Shanghai Astronomical Observatory can no longer participate in world-class observation due to excessive light pollution in the area, astronomers said.

Global environment index downgrades U.S. and China (*Ethiopian Review*, 2/2/2010) The United States, China and other major industrial economies have dropped in an international scoreboard that ranks nations on their management of pollution and natural resources, while Iceland pushed Switzerland from the number one spot.

A visit to "Little Lhasa" (*The Irrawaddy*, 1/30/2010) Nestled between curving mountain roads and steep hillsides, Dharamshala is a peaceful city. Unlike New Delhi, it's pollution free—fresh air, a clear blue sky and many trees and flowers.

CORPORATIONS

FIFA goes green with solar-powered sponsor (*EcoSeed*, 2/4/2010) This year's FIFA World Cup is brought to you by... solar panels? This is certainly the case

this year, as Yingli Green (NYSE:YGE) becomes the first renewable energy company in history to sponsor the prestigious football tournament. The announcement was made at the 2010 FIFA World Cup press conference held in Beijing, during which Miao Liansheng, Yingli Green chief executive, spoke and video messages from FIFA headquarters in Zurich were aired.

Rural auto market poised for robust growth (*China Economic Net*, 2/4/2010) In 2009, China's auto market experienced an explosive growth. In the first eleven months, both of China's auto output and sales volume have exceeded 12.2 million sets. Influenced by the international financial crisis, such a "beautiful scene" is hard-won and it cannot do without the policy support from the government.

In 2010, China coal output to reach around 3.3 bln tons (*Alibaba*, 2/3/2010) It is expected that China's coal production in 2010 will reach around 3.3bln tons. It is predicted that in the first quarter of 2010, the tight coal supply still last, and the high coal price still continues rising. In the second quarter, due to the seasonal drop in demand, the price may fluctuate, but the price in the entire year still post the climb trend during the stability.

China's energy appetite: CNOOC ramps up production goals, eyes overseas assets (*BNET*, 2/2/2010) If there is any doubt that China is emerging from the recession with a renewed and increasing hunger for energy, take a look at what the country's largest offshore oil explorer is planning to spend this year in hopes of finding and producing more resources.

Future of China's tiger farms in the balance (*IPS*, 1/30/2010) The road to the world's first tiger summit in Vladivostok later this year will have to be paved with answers about the future of tiger farms in China and other East Asian countries, said conservationists.

China leading global race to make clean energy (*New York Times*, 1/30/2010) China vaulted past competitors in Denmark, Germany, Spain and the United States last year to become the world's largest maker of wind turbines, and is poised to expand even further this year.

GOVERNMENT

Beijing to build underground water monitor network (*ChinaCSR*, 2/5/2010)

Beijing Municipal Science and Technology Commission will carry out a study on water resource safety evaluation and pollution prevention technology this year to prepare for the building of an underground water quality monitoring network.

China an increasingly important energy partner of Russia: Russian expert (*Xinhua*, 2/5/2010) China is becoming an increasingly important energy partner of Russia, and energy cooperation between the two nations has broad prospects, a

Russian energy expert said Thursday.

Nanning wins top environmental prize (China Daily, 2/4/2010) Nanning has won a top Chinese environmental prize after it received the Habitat Scroll of Honor Award from UN-Habitat in 2007, another reward for its relentless efforts to protect its environment.

China strives for first 'green' Expo (AFP, 2/4/2010) China, the world's number one emitter of greenhouse gases, aims to hold the first "green" World Expo in Shanghai, as the sprawling metropolis tries to shed its polluted past and become eco-friendly.

China may scrap plan for mills to match ArcelorMittal (BusinessWeek, 2/4/2010)

China, the world's largest steel producer, may pull back from encouraging steelmakers to get as large as global leader ArcelorMittal, as it directs mills to focus on improving product quality, a government adviser said.

China's labor edge overpowers Obama's 'Green' jobs initiatives (Bloomberg, 2/4/2010) President Barack Obama is spending \$2.1 million to help Suntech Power Holdings Co. build a solar- panel plant in Arizona. It will hire 70 Americans to assemble components made by Suntech's 11,000 Chinese workers.

China aims to sharply raise shale gas output capacity (Wall Street Journal, 2/1/2010) China aims to raise the annual production capacity of shale gas to 15-30 billion cubic meters by 2020 as part of its response to recent widespread gas shortages, the Ministry of Land and Resources said.

3,391 officials indicted in China for environment-related duty dereliction

(Xinhua, 1/29/2010) China's procuratorate authorities had prosecuted 3,391 public officials from April 2008 to last November for dereliction of duty in cases that caused damage to the natural environment and waste of energy resources.

China considering pollution controls (UPI, 1/29/2010) Emergency measures could include production control or even shutting down some heavily polluting companies, the China Daily reported Friday. The government is also considering vehicle controls, including stopping motorists from driving one day a week based on their license plate number, the newspaper said.

Prevention of water pollution in China sees breakthrough in 2009 (ANTARA News/Asia Pulse, 1/29/2010) The prevention and treatment of water pollution in China's key rivers saw a breakthrough in 2009, according to the Work Conference on National Environmental Protection held in Beijing on Monday.