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OPINION

[Will U.S. companies be shut out of clean-tech markets by China and other competitors?](#) (New York Times, 3/4/2010) The United States must make long-term investments in clean energy development or risk being shut out of a \$2.3 trillion industry, a new report by a liberal think tank has found.

[High-rise drama in Nanchang](#) (ChinaDialogue, 3/9/2010) The unnecessary demolition of a 10-year-old hotel in south-east China exposes a shallow commitment to low-carbon development, argues Li Taige.

[Wringing China dry](#) (ChinaDialogue, 3/5/2010) Reservoirs and hydropower stations are sprouting up all over China, damaging ecosystems and causing conflict. It's time to leave the rivers alone, says Feng Yongfeng.

[In it to Win: How China is developing its clean energy economy through markets, finance and infrastructure](#) (The Green Leap Forward, 3/5/2010) Yesterday on March 4, my colleagues and I finally released this long-awaited report “[Out of the Running? How Germany, Spain, and China Are Seizing the Energy Opportunity and Why the United States Risks Getting Left Behind](#)” (picture of the report cover, pictured right). As the title implies, it is a survey of how three countries with very different political economies are each adopting comprehensive policies to develop their clean energy sector in a way that the United States isn't.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Taiwanese couple pleads guilty to illegally trading protected black coral](#) (PRNewswire, 3/11/2010) Two Taiwanese nationals pleaded guilty today in federal court in the U.S. Virgin Islands for conspiracy to ship internationally protected black coral into the United States in violation of federal wildlife statutes, the Department of Justice announced.

[Urbanizing China long way from residence form](#) (Reuters, 3/11/2010) They build the skyscrapers and lay the highways, mind the city children, sew the clothes and tend the shops, but [China's](#) army of migrant laborers are still fundamentally aliens in the country's bustling urban centers.

[China's sinking city hopes to rise beyond mining](#) (Reuters, 3/11/2010) There are reasons to be cheerful at last in the sinking city of Fuxin in northeast China's Liaoning province as it seeks to end its dependence on coal and switch to cleaner industries, its mayor told Reuters.

[Scholars up in arms over transgenic certificates](#) (China Daily, 3/11/2010) More than 120 Chinese scholars have filed a petition to the nation's top legislature, demanding, on the grounds of bio-safety, the revocation of the Agriculture Ministry's certificates on two transgenic rice breeds and more cautious licensing in the future, eastern Hangzhou's Youth Times reported Thursday.

[China environment worsening, may miss energy goals](#) (AFP, 3/10/2010) China's environment is "still deteriorating", a senior official said Wednesday, as the booming nation burnt record amounts of coal and lagged behind in meeting its energy-saving goals.

[Farmer lawyer pushes for green ideas in more eco-aware China](#) (Xinhua, 3/9/2010) Compared with some colleagues' motions on important state affairs, Chen Fei, a 55-year-old farmer lawmaker, came to the annual legislative session with a proposal on how an ID card can be eco-friendly.

[International scientists to launch environmental studies on “Third Pole”](#) (Xinhua, 3/8/2010) International scientists are preparing to launch a joint study on the

environment of the "Third Pole" region centered on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and neighboring areas, a Chinese scientist said Monday.

CORPORATIONS

[Dairy market in China faces severe environment](#) (MMD Newswire, 3/11/10) In 2010, China's dairy industry will face a vastly different market environment compared to that of 2009. Important market characteristics will include high raw milk prices and milk product prices. Additionally, the adoption of new dairy safety and quality standards will greatly impact cattle breeding farmers and dairy companies.

[China idles 40% of windpower turbine output capacity](#) (Bloomberg, 3/11/2010) China is idling as much as 40 percent of its wind-turbine factories following a surge in investment driven by the government's renewable-energy goals, the vice president of Shanghai Electric Group Corp. said.

[BioteQ advances Third Project in China](#) (MarketWatch, 3/10/10) BioteQ Environmental Technologies Inc. ([CA:BQE](#) **1.09**, **-0.01**, **-0.91%**), a leader in the treatment of industrial waste water, announced that the company has initiated a third water treatment project in joint venture with Jiangxi Copper Company (JCC). The project is located at the Dexing Mine in China, to recover nickel and cobalt using a novel modification of conventional ion-exchange technology developed by BioteQ. The new plant will be in addition to the existing ChemSulphide(R) plant that currently operates at the Dexing site to recover copper from mine wastewater. [IBM will clean up in China](#) (Business Spectator, 3/10/2010) Last week IBM made exactly the sort of decision that Washington has feared: the US computer giant elected to **establish** its first ever energy and utilities solutions lab, a showcase for technologies that could be used in smart grids and other intelligent energy applications, in China rather than the US.

[Chinese nuclear company places \\$15 million order with Flowserve](#) (Newsadvance.com, 3/10/2010) A Chinese nuclear energy company has ordered more than \$15 million in parts that Flowserve Corporation makes in factories in Lynchburg and in Raleigh, N.C.

[Guanwei Recycling reports significant year over year growth in suppliers and customers](#) (MarketWatch, 3/9/2010) Guanwei Recycling Corp. ([GURC](#) **4.80**, **-0.20**, **-4.00%**), a leader in environmentally sound plastic recycling and China's largest manufacturer of recycled low density polyethylene (LDPE), today announced it has entered 2010 with a near doubling of suppliers, and an approximately 50% increase in customers, which the Company believes creates a solid underpinning for a year of strong growth in 2010.

[Shell joins PetroChina in an offer in Australia](#) (New York Times, 3/8/2010) Arrow Energy of Australia said Monday that it had received a takeover offer worth about \$3 billion from a company owned by [Royal Dutch Shell](#) and [PetroChina](#), the government-run gas and [oil](#) giant.

GOVERNMENT

[147,000 sq km of China's sea below clean water standard](#) (Xinhua, 3/12/2010) State Oceanic Administration announced Thursday that nearly 147,000 square kilometers of China's sea was below the clean water standard in 2009, up 7.3 percent from the previous year.

[Dams in China has little influence on water volume of Mekong: Official](#) (Xinhua, 3/11/2010) The change of the water volume of the Mekong is not resulted from the hydropower projects on the upper part of the river in Southwest China, said the official from the Chinese Embassy in Thailand Thursday.

[China Southwest region suffering severe drought, Ministry says](#) (Bloomberg, 3/10/2010) China's southwest region is suffering from a severe drought, with water levels in major rivers at record lows, the Ministry of Water Resources said.

[City governments fined for Yellow River pollution](#) (Xinhua, 3/11/2010) The governments of Xi'an and Xianyang, two major cities in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, have been fined a total of 500,000 yuan (\$73,530) for polluting a tributary of the Yellow River, China's second longest waterway, the local environment watchdog said Thursday.

[China has a Congo copper headache](#) (Asia Times, 3/11/2010) An agreement between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and China in 2008 to swap 10 million tonnes of copper ore for US\$9 billion worth of mine and civic infrastructure looked like a genuine win-win.

[China to set up disciplines of strategic importance in colleges](#) (Xinhua, 3/10/2010) China intends to create new disciplines in undergraduate schools to nurture more talent for the emerging industries of strategic importance, such as the low-carbon sector, information technology and biotechnology.

[Wuxi aims to become ecologically sound city](#) (China Daily, 3/10/2010) Wuxi, a city in Jiangsu province, has vowed to continue its efforts to clean up Taihu Lake and become China's first ecologically sound city this year. Mao Xiaoping, the city's mayor, is determined to turn the previous manufacturing center in East China into a high-tech base with low carbon emissions and low pollution.

[China expands science globalization trends](#) (Laboratory Equipment, 3/10/2010) Science globalization is in vogue, pooling together scientists and researchers of various races and with different backgrounds and Chinese scientists "go global" as

well.

[Mekong River crisis: China brushes off accusation on dams' effect](#) (AsiaOne News, 3/9/2010) Senior Chinese and Thai officials brushed off claims yesterday that Chinese dams had dried up the Mekong River, saying China had only a small proportion of water flowing into Southeast Asia's longest river.

[China supports nuclear power development in orderly way: official](#) (Xinhua, 3/9/2010) Nuclear power should be developed with due regulations and in an orderly way thanks to its strict requirement for human resources, technology, security and quality, a Chinese official said Monday here at the international conference on civilian use of nuclear energy.

[China to move ahead on clean energy "combustible ice"](#) (Xinhua, 3/6/2010) China's western Qinghai Province, containing major deposits of the country's "combustible ice," will see increased explorations for this emerging clean energy, Provincial Governor Luo Huining said on Saturday.

[Chinese premier stresses environment, education in developing NW province](#) (Xinhua, 3/6/2010) Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Saturday stressed that ecological environment must be protected and education improved while developing the poverty-stricken northwestern province of Gansu.

[In annual rite, Chinese science showered with riches](#) (ScienceInsider, 3/5/2010) Last year, Chinese researchers were over the moon when the central government bestowed a 30% increase in R&D spending. This year, they are being brought back to earth—but really can't complain. At the opening session of the National People's Congress here today, officials announced that the science and technology budget will rise 8% to 163.3 billion RMB (\$24 billion) in 2010.