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OPINION

[Reservoirs not cause of drought](#) (China Daily, 4/1/2010) The water reservoirs and hydropower stations on the upper reaches of the Mekong River should not be blamed for the drought in Southeast Asia, the president of the International Commission of Large Dams said on Wednesday.

[Can bicycles make a comeback in Beijing?](#) (Xinhua, 4/1/2010) When Britain's Katie Melua sang "There are nine million bicycles in Beijing" in 2005, she had little idea that cyclists on the city's roads would account for only 18.1 percent of Beijing's 17 million population in 2009.

[A call for Hong Kong to clean its air](#) (New York Times, 3/31/2010) Top business leaders in Asia's financial hub are sounding a bit like environmental activists these days, taking a stand against the persistently unhealthy levels of air pollution gripping this city.

[An environmentalist's view on China's drought](#) (Wall Street Journal, 3/31/2010) As China's worst drought in a century wreaks havoc across southwestern China, one of Beijing's leading environmentalists arrived in Hong Kong to push for stronger rules forcing listed companies to be more transparent about industrial emissions and their environmental track records.

[Will China's environmental problems affect its growth?](#) (Financial Times, 3/30/2010) Most players in energy outside the country are fascinated and intrigued by China. Everyone wants more clarity on its international oil and gas plans, its coal consumption, and, more than anything else, what its long-term strategic plans are with regards to climate and energy security. Because China, of course, does plan ahead. It is clear from the country's numerous efforts to secure long-term supplies of fossil fuels that it takes energy security very seriously - and this ties in well with expanding its own renewables capacity and regulations, such as supporting low-emissions cars.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Global Environment Facility initiates small sum programs in China](#) (ChinaCSR, 3/31/2010) The Global Environment Facility has formally initiated its Small Grants Programme to encourage sustainable development in China.

[Environment problems pose health risk in China: The Lancet](#) (AFP, 3/26/2010) Progress in hauling hundreds of millions of Chinese out of poverty over the past 15 years has come at a cost of environmental damage that remains a major peril to health, a review published in The Lancet said on Friday.

[China's low-carbon initiatives in full swing ahead of Earth Hour](#) (Xinhua, 3/26/2010) The Forbidden City in Beijing will go dark for the "Earth Hour"

on Saturday night, together with other world-famous landmarks like the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Empire State Building in New York.

[Could Hong Kong teach China to quit smoking?](#) (AP, 3/26/2010) Nearly one in three smokers worldwide lights up in China, where cigarettes - commonly given as gifts - are so tightly woven into the culture, some believe it's an impossible habit to kick. But a new report suggests the keys to quitting lie in the country's own backyard.

[Pneumonia top child-death cause in China](#) (UPI, 3/26/2010) The leading cause of children's deaths in China is pneumonia, an international team of researchers says.

[1 in 10 Chinese adults is diabetic, study finds](#) (AP, 3/24/2010) After working overtime to catch up to life in the West, China now faces a whole new problem: the world's biggest diabetes epidemic.

CORPORATIONS

[Property developers aim for China's second-tier city markets](#) (Global Times, 4/1/2010) As land prices continue to rise in first-tier cities, along with intensified construction of the high-speed rail networks, housing demand in second- and third-tier cities is increasing and property developers have started housing construction in these cities.

[Brewer Tsingtao rejects pollution report as 'outdated'](#) (New Straits Times, 4/1/2010) Brewer Tsingtao on Thursday dismissed accusations that it violates Chinese pollution regulations, saying it had invested heavily to reduce its environmental footprint.

[Cutting the cloth to fit green needs](#) (China Daily, 4/1/2010) The 25 textile mill managers gathered at the Shang Lake Garden Hotel earlier this week buzzed with energy, shooting off orders to subordinates on their cell phones, exchanging name cards and then greeting each other like old friends.

[McDonald's sets plan for China](#) (Wall Street Journal, 3/31/2010) U.S. fast-food giant McDonald's Corp. plans to nearly double its presence in the world's fastest-developing economy over the next few years, senior

company officials said Tuesday after they launched the first McDonald's Hamburger University in China.

[Pew Study: China skewering clean tech competition](#) (The Energy Collective, 3/31/2010) As we projected in "Rising Tigers, Sleeping Giant," the latest [Pew report](#) finds that China has a commanding lead over the rest of the G-20 in clean energy investment.

[Incinerator resumes operations](#) (China Daily, 3/31/2010) In an effort to promote garbage incineration technology, authorities have invited citizens to visit the city's largest incinerator.

[Chongqing Water makes a big splash on Shanghai debut](#) (Reuters, 3/29/2010) Chongqing Water ([601158.SS](#)), which has a monopoly in the west-central region of China, soared on its debut, as investors shrugged off recent sluggish first-day performances to pile into a water industry that stands to gain from big government infrastructure spending.

[Chinese patent opens up new market opportunity for Totobobo](#) (PR Newswire, 3/29/2010) The Chinese Patent Office granted a **new patent** for the innovative [Totobobo mask](#). Considering the increasing difficulties in acquiring a Chinese patent, this comes as a major achievement. The potential sale of Totobobo masks will greatly increase now that the Chinese market has opened to this innovative product.

[Sinopec to buy Angola oil field stake for \\$2.46 billion](#) (People's Daily, 3/29/2010) Asia's top oil refiner, Sinopec, will buy a stake in an Angolan oil field for 16.77 billion yuan (\$2.46 billion) to boost the company's crude oil production, Sinopec announced March 29.

[Dubai's Meydan to develop horse city in China for \\$4 billion](#) (BusinessWeek, 3/29/2010) Meydan LLC, the Dubai state-owned developer of the world's biggest horse-racing complex, will build a \$4 billion development near Tianjin in China.

[China's drought raises coal prices, lowers hydropower](#) (BusinessWeek, 3/29/2010) Benchmark coal prices at Qinhuangdao, China's largest port handling the fuel, rose for the first time in 10 weeks after a drought in the south cut hydropower generation and raised demand from coal-fired plants.

[Three Gorges developer, WWF join hands in Yangtze ecosystem protection](#) (Xinhua, 3/28/2010) The China Three Gorges Corporation (CTGC) will cooperate with the World Wide Fund for Nature to limit the negative impact of the Three Gorges Project on the Yangtze's ecosystem.

[China miner to buy Brazil's Itaminas iron ore mine](#) (AP, 3/25/2010) A state-run Chinese mining company said Thursday it has agreed to buy the Itaminas iron ore mine in Brazil from its owner, Bernardo de Mello.

[China leads major countries with \\$34.6 billion invested in clean technology](#) (New York Times, 3/25/2010) China, Brazil and other developing countries are pouring billions of dollars into efforts to reduce carbon emissions and build up renewable energy markets, a trend that some experts say has turned the traditional climate change debate on its head.

[Toxic-dinner plastic case unfolds](#) (Shanghai Daily, 3/25/2010) More than 7.5 billion disposable plastic dinner containers made from poisonous and even carcinogenic material are consumed in China every year, according to an official with the International Food Packaging Association.

GOVERNMENT

[35 road projects on China border delayed](#) (DNA, 4/1/2010) The army's demand for more roads along the Sino-India border has made the government give forest clearance to 35 strategic road projects in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

[Singapore, China sign MOU on water resource management](#) (Today Online, 3/31/2010) Singapore and China have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperating on water resource management.

[When Beijing and New Delhi pull together](#) (Financial Times 3/31/2010) When Hui Liangyu, China's vice-premier, visited New Delhi last week he was presented with a miniature silver chariot pulled by two horses. The horses, his hosts quipped, represented China and India pulling the global economy into recovery.

[Should the US compete or cooperate with China on clean energy?](#) (USA Today, 3/30/2010) Amid recent studies suggesting the United States is losing the clean energy edge to China, the U.S. Department of Energy is helping fund a joint research center.

[China proposes boosting data exchanges on marine pollution](#) (Focus Taiwan, 3/29/2010) A visiting Chinese official suggested on Monday that the two sides across the Taiwan Strait expand exchanges of information on marine pollution incidents and contingency monitoring and warning techniques.

[China has suspect in Japan tainted dumplings case](#) (AP, 3/26/2010) China has detained a man suspected of poisoning frozen dumplings that sickened at least 10 people in Japan two years ago, which caused a food safety scare in a key export market and further hurt foreign confidence in Chinese products.

[China has 'Test' meeting grains goal, Premier says](#) (Bloomberg, 3/26/2010) China, the biggest grain user, faces a test meeting a crop-output target because of drought in the southwest and a cold winter in the north, Premier Wen Jiabao said, underscoring the challenges brought on by bad weather.

[India and China to share ideas on increasing forest cover](#) (DNA, 3/26/2010) India and China are eager to share ideas to improve forest cover. The new understanding came after a Chinese delegation told the government that cooperation on environment and climate change had been the most successful exchange between the two countries.

[China becomes last nation to lift bans on US pork](#) (AP, 3/25/2010) China has become the last nation to lift its ban on U.S. pork as fears about swine flu ease.

[China drills more wells seeds clouds amid drought](#) (AP, 3/25/2010) Emergency wells were being drilled and cloud-seeding operations carried out in southern China, where the worst drought in decades has left millions of people without water and caused more than 1,000 schools to close, officials said Thursday.

[China reveals Mekong data in boost for drought response](#) (AFP, 3/25/2010) China has agreed to provide information on Mekong water levels in a major

boost for efforts to respond to an alarming decline in the river's flow, authorities said Thursday.