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OPINION

[US, China: A green security blanket?](#) (Asia Times, 5/14/2010) Later this month, US Commerce Secretary Gary Locke goes to China to promote US clean energy **technologies** while Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton follow for the second round of the US-

China Strategic and Economic Dialogue. All will discuss ways to strengthen the US-China relationship by combating environmental degradation.

[Car-sharing clubs can curb choking air and clogged streets](#) (Global Times, 5/13/2010)

China is witnessing an era of car mania, as it has become the biggest auto market in the world. The best example is the just-finished Auto China 2010 show in Beijing. Nearly 800,000 people visited the show, making it the biggest auto event in China. But lots of these visitors probably need to think twice as to whether it's really a good choice to buy a car.

[China's economic shift may put cap on oil, gas consumption: Morgan Stanley chief](#) (Calgary Herald, 5/12/2010)

When Morgan Stanley's Asia chairman, Stephen Roach, addresses a group of Calgary business leaders Thursday morning as part of the Imperial Oil Distinguished Lecture Series through the University of Calgary's school of public policy, the message about global economic growth that will be delivered is likely to be seen as deviating from what is being currently accepted as a defined variable in economic terms.

[Success of green industry could hinge on China](#) (National Journal, 5/11/2010)

The future of green industry in the U.S. rests in large part on the world's supply of rare earth minerals, 97 percent of which currently come from China. The situation has sparked calls for action by lawmakers and is under review by the Department of Energy, which expects to issue a report later this year.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[China scientists find use for cigarette butts](#) (Reuters, 5/13/2010) Chemical extracts from cigarette butts -- so toxic they kill fish -- can be used to protect steel pipes from rusting, a study in China has found.

[Scientists call for GM review after surge in pests around cotton farms in China](#)

(Guardian, 5/13/2010) Scientists are calling for the long-term risks of [GM](#) crops to be reassessed after field studies revealed an explosion in pest numbers around farms growing modified strains of cotton.

[China environmentalist released after prison term for what he says were trumped up charges](#) (AP, 5/12/2010) A leading Chinese environmentalist has been released after serving a three-year prison sentence on what he says were trumped up charges of blackmailing polluting businesses.

[Soy beans negatively affect sperm production](#) (Thaindian News, 5/10/2010) Scientists in China have found that a naturally-occurring ingredient of soy beans, increasingly sold as substitutes for dairy-based food, interferes with a part of the male reproductive system involved in sperm production.

[C-section rates highest in China, reasons mixed](#) (Xinhua, 5/12/2010) Doctor recommendations as well as some pregnant women's reluctant attitude towards natural birth are regarded as important factors behind China's high cesarean sections rate, a report from the Beijing-based magazine China Economic Weekly showed.

[At least 70 dead, millions affected as rainstorms batter southern China](#) (Xinhua, 5/9/2010) The death toll from fierce rainstorms ravaging southern China this week has climbed to 70, with five people previously listed as missing in Jiangxi Province being found dead on Sunday.

CORPORATIONS

[China company JinkoSolar prices IPO of 5.8 million ADSs at \\$11 each](#) (Wall Street Journal, 5/13/2010) Chinese company JinkoSolar Holding Co.'s initial public offering of at least 5.8 million American depositary shares priced at \$11 Thursday, the bottom threshold of its expected price range, which topped out at \$13. The company, which makes solar products like silicon cells, delayed its IPO in February, citing conditions in the stock market, which hadn't clearly emerged from a dip at the time. It was the third solar-related company from China to postpone its U.S. debut then.

[GE, Vestas fall behind in China's tough wind turbine market](#) (Bloomberg, 5/13/2010) Western wind turbine manufacturers are losing ground in China, the world's fastest-growing green energy market.

[China pumps another \\$1 billion into Canadian oilsands with Penn West deal](#) (The Vancouver Sun, 5/13/2010) China on Thursday beefed up its Canadian oilsands portfolio with a \$1.25-billion cash injection in Penn West Energy Trust.

[Gamesa says opportunities abound in China's wind-power sector](#) (Financial Times, 5/13/2010) If the Chinese wind-power sector really is on the verge of a financial meltdown, that does not seem to worry Gamesa, the Spanish

group, which is building a new wind turbine factory in the north-eastern province of Jilin.

[Chinese steel enterprises under huge pressure of reform](#) (People's Daily, 5/11/2010) Premier Wen Jiabao put forward "to tie the wrist knock out backward production capacity," which makes iron and steel industry on the frontline to face the policy on May 5, 2010.

[Biotechnology to expand use of biomass in China](#) (DomesticFuel. com, 5/11/2010) Novozymes [continues to lead the way in biomass technologies](#) with their new announcement that they are partnering with Dacheng Group, a major starch processing company based in China, to develop technologies designed to produce household cleaning products and plastics from agricultural waste. Both plastics and cleaning products typically have petroleum as one of their ingredients.

[Israel's Erdan sees China market in clean technology](#) (Bloomberg, 5/10/2010) Israeli companies have "endless" possibilities to sell clean technology to China in areas such as water recycling, desalination and solar power, Environmental Protection Minister Gilad Erdan said.

[China Longyuan rises on \\$13 billion expansion plan](#) (Bloomberg, 5/10/2010) China Longyuan Power Group Corp. rose in Hong Kong trading after saying it's planning to spend \$13 billion to become the world's biggest wind-power producer.

GOVERNMENT

[Riyadh to expand ties with Beijing in energy ventures](#) (Gulf News, 5/14/2010) Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal has expressed hope that the kingdom and China would develop their relations to the highest possible level.

[Ministry punishes cities, companies for pollution](#) (Xinhua, 5/14/2010) China's Ministry of Environmental Protection Thursday released a blacklist of two cities and 11 companies that have been penalized for failing to properly treat pollutant discharges.

[U.S. China ten-year framework for cooperation on energy and environment](#) (U.S. Department of State, 5/13/2010) The Governments of the United States and China held the 6th Joint Working Group Meeting of the U.S.-

China Ten-Year Framework (TYF) for Cooperation on Energy and Environment on May 11-12 in Washington, D.C. Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs Maria Otero and Ambassador Jon Huntsman led the U.S. delegation, while Vice Chairman Zhang Xiaoqiang from the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission led the Chinese delegation.

[China ends discounted power rates for intensive users](#) (Bloomberg, 5/13/2010) China, the world's second-biggest energy user, stopped selling electricity at discounts to high-consumption companies with immediate effect as part of the government's push to conserve power and resources.

[China to spend more than 1 trillion yuan on subways](#) (Bloomberg, 5/13/2010) China will spend more than 1 trillion yuan (\$146 billion) to triple the size of its subway system over the next five years, according to the country's top economic planning agency.

[“Low carbon” concept introduced into Chinese weapon testing](#) (PLA Daily, 5/13/2010) On May 11, when a military representative office of the Equipment Department of the Navy of the Chinese People's Liberation Army stationed in Xi'an, capital of the China's Shaanxi Province, carried out ex-factory acceptance test on the launch control cabin of a type of missile, it adopted the newly transformed environment test platform to have a 24h showering test for the launch control cabin. As the recycled industrial water was used in this test, the use efficiency of water resource was greatly improved.

[Quake clean-up carries on in Qinghai](#) (China Daily, 5/12/2010) Almost a month after a 7.1-magnitude earthquake devastated Yushu county in Northwest China's Qinghai province, residents and officials are still removing animal carcasses and other environmentally- hazardous waste to prevent ecological damage in the area as well as to protect the water supply.

[China builds model low-carbon city in Xinjiang's Turpan](#) (Xinhua, 5/11/2010) Turpan, a small Silk Road town in northwest China that became prosperous as a trade hub nearly 2,000 years ago, is earning renown for another reason today.

[China to invest 1.5 billion yuan to further explore mineral resources in Xinjiang](#) (People's Daily, 5/10/2010) China will inject 1.5 billion yuan to continually promote the exploration of major minerals including coal, iron,

copper, lead and zinc in Xinjiang in 2010, to provide adequate resource support for China's economic and social development.

[China bans smoking in hospitals](#) (Telegraph, 5/10/2010) China's Ministry of Health today banned smoking in hospitals but health advocates and anti-smoking activists say a promised national ban on smoking in public places has yet to take shape.

[China ministries propose carbon tax from 2012 – report](#) (Alibaba, 5/10/2010) China could impose a carbon tax as soon as 2012, and officials have proposed it start from 10 yuan (\$1.46) to 20 yuan per tonne of carbon dioxide, a Chinese newspaper said on Tuesday. The Chinese-language Economic Information Daily said officials and experts from the Ministry of Finance and other state agencies have been studying how to introduce a tax aimed at curbing carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels.

[Sino-India climate cooperation helping change political climate](#) (Business Standard, 5/8/2010) Sino-India cooperation on climate change was helping in changing the political climate between the two countries, Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh has said as he underlined the need for New Delhi to "learn" from China's forest management.