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PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Chinese dam causes quakes and landslides](#) (Times Online, 5/30/2010) The Three Gorges dam was so vast and sweeping a vision that nothing could stand in its way. Not the old cities of the Yangtze valley, storehouses of human toil and treasure for more than a thousand years. Not the lush, low-lying farmlands, nor the villages, nor even the pagodas and temples that graced the riverbanks.

[Rats damage huge swathes of China's grasslands](#) (AFP, 5/27/2010) A plague of rats has gobbled up vast swathes of grasslands in north China,

sparking a mass extermination drive amid concerns for herders, state media said Thursday.

[2,000 year old 'icebox' unearthed in NW China](#) (Xinhua, 5/26/2010)

Archeologists in northwest China's Shaanxi province said Wednesday they had found a primitive "icebox" dating back at least 2,000 years in the ruins of an emperor's residence.

[Proposed maglev project in Beijing triggers concern](#) (People's Daily, 5/25/2010) Controversy has erupted over the possible construction of a magnetic levitation train line connecting Beijing's urban areas and suburbs, with residents along the route voicing their concerns over the possible risk of radiation exposure, Beijing Times reported Monday.

[A call to recycle cigarette butts](#) (New York Times, 5/25/2010) When a constituent came into Assemblyman Michael G. DenDekker's office recently and suggested he propose a cigarette butt recycling program, Mr. DenDekker admits he "had a little chuckle." Then a staffer, half joking, suggested a cigarette butt deposit, just as is done with bottles. But before completely dismissing the idea, Mr. DenDekker agreed "to see if there is a market on it."

CORPORATIONS

[Tidal hydro developer Verdant Power signs MOU for hydro projects in China](#) (Hydroworld. com, 5/28/2010) New York-based tidal hydropower developer Verdant Power Inc. and China Energy Conservation Environment Protection Group have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop tidal energy power projects in China, Verdant reported.

[China-India water shortage means coca-cola joins intel in fight](#) (Bloomberg, 5/26/2010) A fight breaks out as student Vikas Dagar jostles with dozens of men, women and children to fill buckets from a truck that brings water twice a week to the village of Jharoda Kalan on the outskirts of New Delhi.

[China's refining capacity may rise 50%, Sinopec says](#) (Xinhua, 5/25/2010) China, the world's second-biggest energy consumer, may increase its annual crude-oil refining

capacity by 50 percent in the next five years to meet rising demand in the fastest-growing major economy.

[PowerGenix boosts technical prowess with addition of Chinese battery whiz](#) (Business Wire, 5/25/2010) PowerGenix, a leading manufacturer of high performance rechargeable Nickel-Zinc (NiZn) batteries, today strengthened its management team with the addition of Dr. Xu Gang, a leader in the Chinese Lithium-ion (Li-ion) rechargeable battery industry, as managing director of PowerGenix's Asia operations.

[China's soy imports may be more than 46 million tons](#) (Bloomberg, 5/25/2010) China, the largest **soybean** consumer, may import more than a forecast 46 million metric tons of the oilseed this year on increased demand for vegetable oil and animal feed and amid plunging soybean oil shipments.

[China's ten biggest steel producers](#) (Reuters, 5/24/2010) China's steel industry is the biggest in the world, producing 45.7 percent of global output from January to April and importing a record 210 million tonnes of iron ore over the same period.

[China becomes net aluminium exporter for first time since 2008](#) (Bloomberg, 5/24/2010) China, the world's largest aluminum producer and user, in April exported more of the metal than it imported for the first time since the end of 2008 as supply outpaced demand.

[Ameriacn Jianye Greentech Holdings, Ltd. to build waste conversion facility](#) (PR Newswire, 5/24/2010) American Jianye Greentech Holdings, Ltd., (OTC Bulletin Board: AJGH) (the "Company"), an alternative fuel company which develops, manufactures, and distributes alcohol-based automobile fuel products in the People's Republic of China, announced today that the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Heilongjiang New Clean Fuel, has signed a Memo Of Understanding with the government of Fujian Province to build a waste treatment and conversion facility to produce green, renewable clean fuel.

[Golf course or teeing around](#) (China Daily, 5/21/2010) Two golf courses covering nearly 66 hectares are being built on protected wetland in Yangzhou city of East China's Jiangsu province, despite the central government's ban on using land for golf courses.

[Singapore firms to invest in RMB51 billion China farm project](#) (The Malaysian Insider, 5/21/2010) Singapore plans to help develop a US\$16 billion (RM51.2 billion) agricultural project in northeastern China as the city-state aims to boost its food security.

Under a series of agreements signed with China's Jilin city, Singbridge, a unit of Singapore state investor Temasek, will help assess the commercial feasibility of the planned China Jilin (Singapore) Modern Agricultural Co-operation Food Zone.

[Concern about China's sunlight plan, focus on Shenzhen's solar photovoltaic exhibition](#) (Business Wire, 5/21/2010) The 6th China International Solar Photovoltaic Exhibition, which is the largest scale and the most specialized solar photovoltaic exhibition in Southern China (i.e. Sino-EU International Solar Photovoltaic Development Forum) will be solemnly held in Shenzhen convention & exhibition center on the 25th – 27th September 2010.

GOVERNMENT

[Beijing looks to revitalize bicycle culture](#) (The Independent, 5/30/2010) Pedalling around Beijing is a daily struggle for retiree Dai Haiping, with more than four million cars clogging the streets of the Chinese capital, but she remains faithful to her two-wheeler.

[China may start state-guided carbon market by 2014](#) (Bloomberg, 5/28/2010) China will likely set up a domestic market for trading carbon emissions by 2014 and hand companies “half-mandatory” targets for limiting their greenhouse gases, said a government official who oversees climate-change issues.

[China gets tougher about protecting the environment, cutting emissions](#) (Xinhua, 5/28/2010) Provincial governments and key enterprises which fail to realize the year's missions in environmental protection and emission cut will be punished as the Chinese central government is taking a tougher stance towards improving the country's environment.

[U.S. clean energy mission helps bring tidal energy to China](#) (Power Online, 5/27/2010) The China Energy Conservation Environment Protection Group (CECEP), China's leading renewable energy company, and Verdant Power, Inc., the leading U.S. tidal power developer, signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to develop tidal energy power projects in China. The MOU is the first of its kind between China and the U.S. involving marine and hydrokinetic power projects.

[China, US launch airline biofuel venture](#) (AP, 5/26/2010) The United States and China launched a research venture Wednesday to develop biofuels for use by Chinese airlines based on algae or oily nuts and said an inaugural flight could come as early as this year.

[UNIDO highlights green industries in China](#) (UPI, 5/24/2010) Developing countries are struggling with pollution problems from transportation and industrial activities, U.N. officials said at a Shanghai summit.

[Health officials clarifies smoking ban report](#) (China Daily, 5/24/2010) The public smoking ban will not be fully implemented by next year as the media reported previously, said Li Xinhua, chief of the Ministry of Health, the Fawan newspaper reported Monday.

[‘Grim situation’ at Three Gorges Dam](#) (China Daily, 5/24/2010) The Ministry of Land and Resources has called for increased efforts to prevent and control potential hazards, such as landslides, in the Three Gorges Dam area as the flood season approaches.

[China to curb corn price gains as record levels near](#) (Bloomberg, 5/24/2010) China, the world's second-biggest corn consumer, pledged to use its stockpiles to curb domestic prices that have rallied to near record levels.

[China overhauls natural-resource tax](#) (Caixin Online, 5/24/2010) For many years, China's oil prices and natural-resource taxes were based on volume. In 2009, oil companies paid 28 yuan (\$4.10) per ton of crude oil, and total tax revenues from crude oil on a nationwide basis last year was 5.3 billion yuan. But figures of this size are about to be considered miniscule.

[Wen Jiabao, Japan, S. Korea, China to further co-op in environmental protection](#) (Xinhua, 5/23/2010) Environmental ministers from Japan, South Korea and China met Sunday in Tomakomai City of Hokkaido, Japan to further cooperation in dealing with environmental challenges including climate change and cross-border pollution.

[China to train pandas to survive in the wild](#) (AP, 5/20/2010) China plans to build a center where giant pandas born in captivity will be trained to survive in the wild, state media reported Thursday.