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OPINION

[Eco-incentives for hybrid and electric cars in China](#) (News on Wall, 6/9/2010) The diffusion of electric cars in China could be much larger than expected if the ecoincentives estimated by the central authorities in Beijing will actually be branched on a massive scale. According to notify the Government, will be shortly launched a pilot program in five cities, designed to encourage financial support to purchase a car label.

[Chinese environmentalism: Prestige over people?](#) (Forbes, 6/9/2010) In the Western [imagination](#), China is as much an environmental basket case as it is an economic miracle. Its prosperity, we are told in one account after another, has been purchased by a wholesale destruction of its air, rivers and forests. Hence, during my first visit there--a 12-day trip ending this month--I was expecting a filthy, Dickensian nightmare--the kind that existed in 19th-century industrializing England, and that still exists in the urban slums of India, my native country.

[China's "Inkfish" dilemma](#) (Forbes, 6/9/2010) Liam Denning, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter who writes for the newspaper's "[Heard on the Street](#)" column, called me late last week with a question. Liam was puzzled by the apparent disconnect between fast growing vehicle sales in China and much slower growth in gasoline demand. Here was his dilemma.

[The best and worst times for China's environment](#) (Forbes, 6/9/2010) It is the best of times for China's environment. Chinese officials are determined to clean up their air, land and water. This month Beijing said it would subsidize purchases of electric cars and plug-in hybrids in a pilot program in five cities. The central government already offers a tax break for purchasers of smaller-engine vehicles and will follow up this year with a nationwide subsidy for gasoline-powered cars with engines no larger than 1.6 liters.

[Don't turn blind eye to domestic pollution](#) (Xinhua, 6/8/2010) The oil spill caused by petroleum behemoth BP has evoked anger and protests across the United States, from ordinary citizens living in cities along the Gulf of Mexico to President Barack Obama.

[Who's in charge, China or Nigeria?](#) (Global Post, 6/7/2010) For some, the rapid growth of China's presence in Africa has been disquieting. Beijing is not always helpful where it has political influence. It occasionally colludes with corrupt and abusive governments, and its thirst for natural resources has raised the specter of a second "scramble for Africa."

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[China-bound graduates to collaborate on strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions](#) (Earth Times, 6/10/2010) *Alumni from the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at UC Santa Barbara will put their newly minted master's degrees—and software they developed—to good use.*

[China's five-month oil imports rise on fuel demand](#) (Bloomberg, 6/10/2010) China, the world's second-biggest energy consumer, imported 29 percent more crude oil in the first five months of the year as faster economic growth boosted demand for motor fuel and electricity.

[Global warming spells doom for Asia's rivers](#) (AFP, 6/10/2010) The livelihood of thousands of Tibetans living on China's highest plateau is under threat as global warming and environmental degradation dry up water sources for three mighty Asian rivers, experts say.

[Scientists decode camel DNA](#) (Arab News, 6/10/2010) Over 20 scientists from Saudi Arabia and China said on Wednesday that they had completed mapping the genome of the Arabian camel which could lead to potential medical discoveries.

[China's coal demand likely to hit 3.8 bln tons in 2015](#) (Xinhua, 6/9/2010) China's primary energy (OOTC:PENGF) demand will reach 4.2 billion tonnes of standard coal in 2015, of which, 3.8 billion tonnes will have to be fed by coal, according to Guo Yuntao, vice director with the General Office of the State Administration of Work Safety.

[Leaking from China's oil and gas pipelines](#) (Energy Tribune, 6/9/2010) Chinese villagers clean an area near corn fields blackened by crude oil in Jining, eastern China's Shandong province, July 31, 2007. Thieves broke open a crude oil pipe line causing 30 tons of spillage that contaminated nearby farm land.

[Activists call for protection of Chinese white dolphins](#) (Focus Taiwan, 6/9/2010) A group of environmental protection activists Wednesday urged the government to step up efforts to protect Chinese white dolphins, a species which is already endangered.

[China's 'cancer villages' reveal dark side of economic boom](#) (Guardian, 6/7/2010) Polluting factories in rural communities are forming a deadly toxic cocktail for villagers, leading to surging rates of cancer.

[Yangtze River's ancient origins revealed](#) (ScienceDaily, 6/6/2010) The Yangtze River in China is 40 million years older than was previously thought, according to new research.

[Scientists create artificial mini "black hole"](#) (ScienceDaily, 6/3/2010) Chinese researchers have successfully built an electromagnetic absorbing

device for microwave frequencies. The device, made of a thin cylinder comprising 60 concentric rings of metamaterials, is capable of absorbing microwave radiation, and has been compared to an astrophysical black hole (which, in space, soaks up matter and light).

[Rise in China's emissions of sulphur dioxide](#) (Bernama, 6/3/2010) Slacking enforcement by local governments and "inattentiveness" by enterprises in keeping up with environmental regulations has resulted in a rise in China's emissions of sulphur dioxide, it was disclosed Thursday.

CORPORATIONS

[Zijin mining: Leading China's next golden age](#) (MineWeb, 6/10/2010) Lower production costs, higher mineral production and ample access to financing are some of the key drivers behind the rapid increase in overall competitiveness for Chinese gold mining companies.

[China May crude oil imports down but product exports up](#) (Dow Jones, 6/10/2010) China's crude oil imports fell sharply in May from April levels, while exports of refined products continued to climb, implying destocking at a time of relative high global oil prices.

[PetroChina may gain my taking over BP, Standard Chartered says](#) (Bloomberg, 6/10/2010) PetroChina Co., vying with Exxon Mobil Corp. as the world's biggest company by value, would benefit from a takeover of BP Plc to tap its oil and gas reserves, according to analysts at Standard Chartered Bank.

[SinoCoking announces consolidator status and identifies twelve additional targets](#) (MarketWatch, 6/9/2010) SinoCoking Coal and Coke Chemical Industries, Inc.(SCOK 13.57, -0.06, -0.44%) (the "Company" or "SinoCoking") today announced that it has received approvals from both the Baofeng County government and the municipality of Pingdingshan, to act as a county-wide coal mine consolidator. In effect, the declaration by Baofeng County and Pingdingshan make SinoCoking one of only seven private enterprises qualified to bid upon and acquire smaller coal mines in Pingdingshan, and the only company with consolidator status in Baofeng County.

China's first film on water protection premiers (Xinhua, 6/8/2010) *He Zhang*, China's first film on the subject of the water supply crisis, premieres on June 5, World Environment Day, at Beijing Film Academy, Chinafilm.com reports.

[Chinese power giant Huaneng launches coal conversion project in Xinjiang](#) (Xinhua, 6/8/2010) Leading Chinese power company Huaneng said Tuesday it has launched a 26 billion yuan (3.8 billion U.S. dollars) synthetic natural gas (SNG) project in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region to boost energy exploration and production there.

[China Innovation joins with China Trends to develop strategic cooperation with TCL on energy-saving products](#) (MarketWatch, 6/8/2010) China Trends Holdings Limited ("China Trends", Stock Code: [8171.HK](#)), a company focused on the contracted energy management (CEM) mechanism, jointly announced with China Innovation Investment Limited ("China Innovation", Stock Code: [1217.HK](#)) that, Boss (China) Information Systems Limited ("Boss China", a subsidiary of China Trends), Huizhou TCL Lighting Appliance Technology Limited* ("Huizhou TCL", a subsidiary of TCL Corporation ([000100.SZ](#))) and Dooda Innovation (China) Technology Development Limited ("Dooda China", an investment in the PRC made by China Innovation through Dooda Innovation Limited) entered into a strategic cooperation agreement, to establish a strategic cooperation on R&D, production, sales and distribution of energy-saving LED products under CEM business model to achieve the mutual sharing on resources.

[China Beijing Environmental Exchange and VantagePoint launch the first China low carbon index](#) (Business Wire, 6/7/2010) The China Beijing Environmental Exchange ("CBEEEX") and VantagePoint Partners, a global leader in CleanTech investing, today launched the first Chinese low carbon equity index. The China Low Carbon Index ("the Index") is the first index to track China's CleanTech sector and the first RMB-denominated low carbon index. The China Low Carbon Index was officially announced at the Earth Temple Forum being held in Beijing.

[China's mining sector shares 'oversold'](#) (MarketWatch, 6/7/2010) China's metals and mining shares have suffered significant declines so far this year, but analysts say the drop may be overdone despite the potential for a slowdown in construction activity.

[China spends \\$34.6 billion on renewables, Ernst and Young says](#) (Bloomberg, 6/4/2010) China joins America as the most attractive location in which to invest in renewable energy after spending \$34.6 billion on clean-fuel projects last year, almost double the investments by the U.S., Ernst & Young LLP said.

GOVERNMENT

[Massive resettlement begins for China's south-north water diversion project](#) (Xinhua, 6/10/2010) The resettlement of more than 64,900 residents began Thursday in central China's Henan Province to make way for a massive project that will divert water to arid north China.

[Uzbekistan, China pledge closer energy and security ties](#) (AFP, 6/10/2010) The leaders of Uzbekistan and China on Wednesday said they had signed deals aimed at increasing cooperation on energy and regional security.

[China calls for persistent efforts in tackling environment challenges](#) (People's Daily, 6/10/2010) The Chinese ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva on Wednesday called for persistent international efforts in dealing with environment challenges such as climate change and the shortage of energy and natural resources.

[China approves guidelines to enhance forest protection](#) (People's Daily, 6/9/2010) The State Council, China's cabinet, approved guidelines Wednesday that protect, restore and ensure the sustainable use of forests for the 2010-2020 period.

[China reaps benefits of Iraq war with oil deals](#) (AP, 6/9/2010) Perspiration staining their orange jumpsuits, the Chinese engineers and laborers from Al-Waha Oil Co. work alongside their Iraqi counterparts under a sweltering sun readying an expanse of arid land southeast of Baghdad for infrastructure to extract and carry the viscous liquid on which Iraq's future lies: oil.

[China to boost efforts to develop offshore wind power](#) (Bloomberg, 6/7/2010) China, the world's second-largest oil user, plans to step up efforts to tap offshore wind energy to meet demand from the country's eastern coast.

[Central government to heavy power users: Start conserving](#) (People's Daily, 6/7/2010) The Chinese government will punish excessive electricity usage

as part of its power conservation program, which aims to reduce the country's energy consumption by 20 percent over the next five years, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

[China carbon market prospects not optimistic – official](#) (Reuters, 6/6/2010)

Although China has supplied massive volumes of carbon credits to the global market, prospects for CO2 trade within the country itself are not optimistic, a senior climate official said on Sunday.

[CNC launches new TV program on environment](#) (Xinhua, 6/5/2010) China Network Corporation (CNC) launched a weekly television program on environment, Green Voices, on the annual World Environment Day which falls on Saturday.

[Part of smoldering coalfield fires in north China to be put out by 2012](#)

(Xinhua, 6/4/2010) North China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region plans to extinguish smoldering fires at nearly half of its coalfields with the problems by 2012, said local authorities Friday.

[Tianjin to have desalinated seawater as domestic water](#) (People's Daily, 6/4/2010) North China's Tianjin Municipality will start providing desalinated seawater for home use and drinking this month to ease the city's water shortage, a company official said Thursday.