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OPINION

[Soft landing](#) (Xinhua, 8/12/2010) Though China's consumer price index (CPI) rose in July to its highest level this year, runaway inflation is no longer an urgent concern for Chinese policymakers. It looks more than likely that the Chinese economy will slow down in the next few months as global growth softens. Policymakers should grab this

opportunity to steer growth to a more sustainable level while a benign soft landing is underway.

[Dangers of the deep](#) (China Dialogue, 8/11/2010) The US oil disaster has laid bare the ugly side of offshore drilling. As China steps up its extraction capabilities, it is hoping to avoid America's mistakes, say Li Yi and Feng Jie.

[Dicaprio's "Inception" Dream Team may save China: William Pesek](#) (Bloomberg, 8/11/2010) The dream thriller "Inception" is quite the mind bender. Few films in recent memory provoked more chatter than this corporate-espionage tale featuring [Leonardo DiCaprio](#) implanting an idea into a young billionaire's head. Extracting thoughts, our dream catchers say, is easy. Introducing them? Not so much.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Hong Kong teen takes top prize in UN environment agency's painting competition](#) (UN News Center, 8/12/2010) A painting warning of the dangers of pollution by a teenager from Hong Kong, China, beat out hundreds of thousands of entries from around the world to win this year's United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) painting competition, it was **announced** today.

[Greg Walden: China, Brazil, India misreport pollution](#) (Natural Resource Report, 8/12/2010) U.S. Reps. Greg Walden (R-Ore.), Joe Barton, (R-Texas), and Michael Burgess (R-Texas) today unveiled a Government Accountability Office report confirming that for major developing nations like China, Brazil and India, most greenhouse emissions reports are outdated and of substandard quality. "The lack of comparable, high-quality inventories" from these nations is important, GAO noted, "because they represent the largest and fastest growing portion of the world's emissions, and information about their emissions is important to international efforts to address climate change."

[Fast-growing China consumed less energy than U.S. last year, Xinhua says](#) (Bloomberg, 8/11/2010) China, the world's fastest-growing major economy, consumed less energy than the U.S. last year, the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing a government statement.

[Report: China zoos mistreat performing animals](#) (AP, 8/9/2010) Performing animals in Chinese zoos and parks are often trained using abusive practices, including routine beatings, and are housed in inadequate shelters, according to a report by a Hong Kong-based animal welfare group released Monday.

[China, on cusp of superpower, faces environmental strain](#) (USA Today, 8/10/2010)

Back at ground level, though, in what remains a developing country, China's people and government are struggling to deal with a series of natural disasters that some environmentalists believe are the deadly, man-made consequences of favoring economic growth over environmental protection.

[Landslides kill 127 in China](#) (New York Times, 8/8/2010) A landslide buried and flooded hundreds of homes over the weekend in a remote mountainous region of Gansu Province. Officials said Sunday evening that 127 bodies had been recovered and that nearly 2,000 people were missing.

CORPORATIONS

[China solar projects draw interest from 50 companies](#) (Bloomberg, 8/12/2010) China's effort to double its capacity to produce solar power has attracted project bids by 50 companies, ranging from nuclear plant operators to circuit-breaker makers, one of the participants said. The tender process has generated 135 offers to build and run solar plants in six provinces, including from China Guangdong Nuclear Power Group Co., the nation's second-biggest atomic plant builder, according to Qiu Zhanwei, vice-director of Beijing-based solar-module maker Astronergy, which also has bid.

[Zijin mining to slow overseas push](#) (Wall Street Journal, 8/10/2010) Zijin Mining Group Co. plans to slow its pace of overseas expansion as China's biggest gold producer focuses on strengthening safety and environmental standards at its domestic operations, company Chairman Chen Jinghe said Tuesday.

[China crude steel output falls to five-month low on weak demand](#) (Bloomberg, 8/10/2010) Crude steel production in China, the world's biggest maker of the metal, fell to a five-month low as companies shut plants for maintenance on weaker demand.

[China's green accidents on the rise](#) (Asia Times, 8/10/2010) While BP, responsible for the largest oil spill in history, has been pilloried all summer for its carelessness in the Gulf of Mexico, environmental disasters in China keep adding up - but no one will step up and take the blame. Indeed, the Chinese leadership may owe BP a letter of thanks: The five million barrels of oil that have despoiled the gulf since the company's Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in April served to divert world attention from the ongoing environmental troubles in China.

[China milk powder blamed after babies develop breasts prematurely](#) (Channel News Asia, 8/9/2010) Parents and doctors in central China fear that hormones in milk powder

they fed their infant daughters have led the babies to prematurely develop breasts, state media reported Monday.

[Algae menace set to become green savior of China's fabric industry](#) (Xinhua, 8/7/2010)

Those algal blooms that have blotted waterscapes around China and almost sabotaged the 2008 Olympics may soon have a useful purpose -- fibers for high-tech fabrics.

[Chinese patent traditional medicine first time passes US FDA crucial clinical trials](#)

(Xinhua, 8/7/2010) A China-made pill to treat cardiovascular conditions has been tested safe and effective by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and, hopefully, will be marketed in the U.S. as early as 2013, a pharmaceutical company said here Saturday.

[China's first LNG-diesel hybrid river boat starts trial voyage](#) (People's Daily, 8/6/2010)

China's first liquefied natural gas (LNG)-diesel hybrid river vessel has started its 45-day trial voyage in this shipping center of central China in an effort to reduce exhaust pollution on river waterways.

GOVERNMENT

[Sri Lankan waters run deep with China](#) (Asia Times, 8/13/2010) The first phase of Sri

Lanka's Hambantota [project](#), a showpiece of the country's significant and growing cooperation with China, is almost complete. Filling the harbor basin with water for the port on the southern tip of the island begins on August 15 and the first ship is expected to dock at the port by November.

[China prepares to steal US thunder, may launch cap-and-trade within five years](#)

(Environmental Expert, 8/11/2010) Just when leaders in the U.S. Senate admitted to abandoning their plan of issuing a federal climate bill by the end of this year, top Chinese officials [were discussing](#) how to launch carbon trading programs under their country's next Five-Year Plan (2011-15).

[China to kill 2,000 of its dirtiest, least efficient factories to cut pollution](#) (Daily Tech,

8/12/2010) In an effort to reform China's energy efficiency, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology published a list of over 2,000 aging [factories that need to be shut down](#) throughout the country by September 30. The list contains exactly 2,087 "energyintensive" factories that need to be shut down in order to improve China's energy efficiency. These factories include 762 cement works, 279 paper factories, 175 steel mills and 84 leather factories. Prime Minister Wen Jiabao of China announced earlier this summer that he would take appropriate measures in handling these issues, and with the closing of so many energy-hoarding factories, even energy analysts agree that this is a progressive plan of action.

[Oil falls for second day as China output growth, U.S. productivity slow](#) (Bloomberg, 8/11/2010) Crude oil fell for a second day as a demand outlook from the [International Energy Agency](#) coupled with data from the U.S. and China reinforced concerns that the recovery is faltering. The IEA, an adviser to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, raised its 2011 demand forecast by 50,000 barrels a day while noting “significant downside risks” to consumption. Oil slipped after China’s industrial output grew the least in 11 months and U.S. data showed worker productivity dropped in the second quarter. The Energy Department will release its weekly report today.

[Fabricated high-tech boom](#) (Caixin Online, 8/10/2010) In order to promote technological innovation, three government agencies introduced the High-Tech Enterprise Certification Management Policy (High-Tech Policy) in 2008. The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation jointly introduced a tax-incentive policy to companies with a high-tech certification. From the standard 25% corporate tax rate, the tax for high-tech companies was slashed to 15%.

[Troops in China blast a dam to release flood water](#) (BBC, 8/9/2010) Troops have begun blasting through rubble from a landslide blocking a river in western China in an attempt to prevent further floods. Torrential rain caused the landslides which hit Zhouqu county in Gansu province on Sunday.

[No smoking in school: China fights against tobacco](#) (AP, 8/9/2010) In China, tobacco companies sponsor schools. Almost half of all male doctors smoke. And one wedding dinner ritual involves the bride lighting cigarettes for each of her male guests.

[China looks to US, others for more corn to feed livestock; food prices could rise worldwide](#) (Washington Examiner, 8/6/2010) China could be about to increase its corn imports, offering American farmers a chance for greater profits but making it likely U.S. meat producers who use the grain for feed would have to raise their prices.

[Retrieval of chemical barrels on NE China river in final stage](#) (Xinhua, 8/6/2010) A senior Chinese environment official has said almost all the chemical barrels washed into a major river last week have been recovered and the retrieval operation is winding up.

[Yunnan leads carbon emission trading in China](#) (People’s Daily, 8/6/2010) Yunnan Province topped all other provinces and municipalities in China in terms of the total carbon emissions-trading projects with more than 260, reporters from Yunnan Daily learned from a recent symposium on climate change and the development of a low-carbon economy held in Kunming, Yunnan Province.