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OPINION

[US barking up wrong tree by picking at China's clean energy Indus](#) (Xinhua, 11/04/2010)
Experts on a TV interview program for Xinhua News Agency Thursday said they were surprised at the U.S. 301 probe into China's clean energy practices and policies, adding that the United States was barking up the wrong tree in making this decision.

[Low-carbon claims by Chinese cities are misleading, says energy expert](#) (Guardian, 11/04/2010) Jiang Kejun, senior researcher at the National Development and Reform Commission's Energy Research Institute, was one of the first Chinese academics to study the concept of low-carbon cities. With his colleagues, he is currently producing a low-carbon program for Shenyang in north-east China. During the recent climate-change talks in Tianjin, Liu Jianqiang spoke to Jiang about low-carbon cities.

[The new China syndrome: Why managing supply chain energy is increasingly important](#) (Smart Planet, 11/03/2010) Here's a question for your sustainability team, especially those of you based in the United States: Do you know how many greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions your company is importing by working with suppliers in China and India?

[The Post-China Price: What Beijing's Green Revolution means for the rest of us](#)

(Seeking Alpha, 11/03/2010) Living in a liquidity-driven economy for the past decade, US pundits can be excused for seeing yet another mania in “rare earths” miner start-ups like Molycorp ([MCP](#)), Ucore Rare Minerals ([UURAF.PK](#)), and Rare Element Resources ([REE](#)), all of which now sport rich valuations and skeletal operations. But when you really look deeply into the historical pricing circumstances of the rare earth elements (REE) industry, you don't see a bubble. You see the exact opposite.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGO' S

[Most northern plain groundwater unsafe to drink](#) (People's Daily, 11/05/2010) Only 24 percent of groundwater in the North China Plain is safe to drink, a recent study by the China Geological Survey shows.

[Liang Congjie – China's green Cassandra](#) (Asia Times, 11/04/2010) The Cultural Revolution, the Great Leap Forward and other extremes protrude so far from the pages of China's history that they tend to obscure the many far-sighted individuals whose contributions were significant yet largely ignored in their lifetimes.

[In China, an approach to land protection plucked from the past](#) (Mother Nature Network, 11/04/2010) In partnership with the Chinese government and local communities, The Bank of America Charitable Foundation and The Nature Conservancy are piloting a new model of conservation, something we are calling a Land Trust Reserve. A \$1 million grant from Bank of America will jump-start an initiative that can boost conservation in central China by introducing the country to a distinctly Conservancy-style approach to land protection.

[Sowing the seeds for an organic revolution](#) (Washington Post, 11/02/2010) In recent years, China has seen an unending string of food scandals: melamine-injected milk, counterfeit baby formula, bacteria-infected vegetables, pollution-poisoned fish and even cooking oil recycled from sewage. Imagine, Shen told Chen, knowing exactly where your food came from and what went into it.

CORPORATIONS

[Alstom powers ahead with new generation game](#) (People's Daily, 11/05/2010) French power and transportation equipment maker Alstom opened a 1 billion yuan (\$150.02 million) hydropower manufacturing facility in Tianjin on Thursday to expand its portfolio in China's rapidly growing energy market.

[Car sales blamed for pollution](#) (China Daily, 11/05/2010) Vehicle exhaust emissions have become the main contributor to worsening air pollution in big Chinese cities as the country undergoes a surge in car sales, the national environmental watchdog said on Thursday. The Ministry of Environmental Protection released its 2010 report on pollution caused by China's vehicle exhaust emissions - the first of its kind - on its official website on Thursday, in which it blamed the car sales bonanza for the devastating air quality in most cities.

[India's ONGC surpasses China's CNOOC as world's top energy explorer](#) (2point6billion, 11/04/2010) India's Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has surpassed China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) to become the world's top oil and gas exploration and production company, according to global energy and metals information provider Platts.

[Japan: Honda considers hybrid production in China](#) (Just-Auto, 11/04/2010) Honda Motor is considering building petrol-electric hybrid vehicles in China to expand sales by producing them locally to lower costs. Sources familiar with the matter told Kyodo News Honda will decide later on the timing to begin production, the investment amount and other details for the company's first overseas production of hybrid vehicles.

[China exports may hit \\$1.5 trillion this year, official says](#) (Bloomberg, 11/04/2010) Chinese exports this year may reach \$1.5 trillion, Wen Zhongliang, commercial counselor of the Ministry of Commerce's foreign trade department, said at a briefing in the city of Guangzhou today.

[General Motors, China partner SAIC to develop alternative-energy vehicles](#) (Bloomberg, 11/03/2010) General Motors Co. and its Chinese partner, SAIC Motor Corp., will cooperate on developing alternative-energy vehicles as the world's largest auto market aims to reduce its dependence on oil.

[eHi, a top car-rental shop in China, sells freedom, environment](#) (Bloomberg, 11/3/2010) The Chinese will buy 16.7 million passenger cars and light commercial vehicles this year, about five million more than consumers in the U.S., according to the most recent research by J.D. Power and Associates. Driven by China's rising middle class, breakneck development of suburbs and roads, and drastically reduced tariffs on automobile imports since 2001, a torrent of cars is choking Chinese cities in traffic and pollution. Convinced that a market existed for car rentals, Shanghai-born Ray Zhang, the founder and former chief executive officer of logistics software maker Adelphi in Emeryville, Calif., returned to China in 2005 and launched eHi Car Rental a year later with \$5 million in venture capital, promoting renting as a greener alternative to owning.

[Platt's list of top ranking Asia-Pacific energy companies](#) (Channel News Asia, 11/02/2010) PetroChina has retained its No. 1 position amongst Asia-Pacific energy companies in a global ranking by commodities information provider Platts. A total of 68 Asian companies are in Platts 2010 rankings, up from 55 last year. As a whole, Asian

energy companies have "substantially improved", said Vandana Hari, Platts' Asia editorial director. "Nine of the top ten Asian companies moved up in the global rankings."

GOVERNMENT

[China province to eliminate disposable amenities from hotels](#) (ChinaCSR, 11/05/2010) Starting from December 1, 2010 the hotel industry in China's Shandong province will gradually phase out disposable amenities — according to a document issued by the local government.

[China, Cambodia sign 6.4 billion USD deals on top legislator's visit](#) (Xinhua, 11/05/2010) China and Cambodia on Thursday inked 6.4-billion-U.S. dollars deals ranging from infrastructure construction to energy exploration. A total of 16 deals were signed after the hour-long talks between top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen late Thursday afternoon.

[China, France sign major energy, aviation deals](#) (People's Daily, 11/05/2010) China and France signed major industrial deals worth more than \$20 billion Thursday at the start of a lavish state visit by Chinese President Hu Jintao and a high-level government and business tourage.

[China launches new weather satellite](#) (Xinhua, 11/05/2010) China launched a new meteorological satellite early Friday morning, from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern China's Shanxi Province. A Long March-4C carrier rocket carried the satellite, the second of China's Fengyun-3 (FY-3) series, into space at 2:37 a.m. (Beijing Time).

[Chinese authorities to review steel output capacity data of provinces](#) (Steel Orbis, 11/04/2010) In China, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the Ministry of Land and Resources, and the Ministry of Environmental Protection have jointly published a file entitled 'Notice on inspection of steel projects'.

[Tired of Choking on growth, China launches green GDP](#) (Reuters, 11/4/2010) Growing fast but choking on smog is just not good enough for a new "green development" index that China launched on Thursday. The index, which in part revives an earlier attempt to put a price on pollution, is a small example of how China is gradually changing its course after years of pursuing fast growth with little regard for the environment.

[Australia and China agree on joint nanotechnology laboratory](#) (Nanowerk, 11/4/2010) An international agreement between Australia and China to further expand nanoscience

research has been welcomed today by Innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr, and the Minister for Tertiary Education, Senator Chris Evans.

[China rejects U.S. GMO tainted corn shipment](#) (Rapid Daily, 11/03/2010) China has rejected a U.S. shipment of corn and denied entry into the country. Traces of a genetically modified organism were found in the shipment according to China's Entry-Exit inspection and Quarantine Bureau.

[China state councilor meets with U.S. delegation of high energy physics](#) (People's Daily, 11/02/2010) Chinese State Councilor Liu Yandong on Tuesday met with an American delegation which was in Beijing to attend the 31st meeting of the China-U.S. joint committee on high energy physics.

[Canada's pandas continue to befuddle government officials](#) (The Star, 11/02/2010) Panda confusion continues with word that China verbally agreed to loan a pair of the beloved beasts to three Canadian zoos for a total of 11 years, not the 15 envisioned by Toronto's chief panda booster.

[India, China are two major re-foresters: Jairam Ramesh](#) (Times of India, 11/01/2010) Union environment and forests minister Jairam Ramesh Monday said China's green house gas emissions are four times that of India, but both countries are united in being the two "major re-foresters" in the world.

[China mulls state-level energy and chemical triangle in northwestern part](#) (Xinhua, 11/02/2010) The National Energy Administration (NEA), China's top energy planner, is mulling development of a state-level comprehensive energy and chemical industrial development base, nicknamed as "Energy and Chemical Triangle", in Northwest China that covers parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the provinces of Shaanxi and Gansu and Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

[Sustainable growth formula eludes many China cities](#) (Reuters, 10/31/2010) Some Chinese cities are failing to meet the challenge of sustainable development, posing a risk to Beijing's strategy of relying on mass urbanization to drive economic growth, according to a study released on Sunday.