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OPINION

[Environment under stress as GDP soars](#) (Global Times, 01/06/2011) How can science and technology support economic growth in an eco-friendly way? People's Daily Online interviewed Yu Guirui, deputy director of Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, on this issue.

[Piñón on Energy: Russia and China racing for Cuba's refineries?](#) (Cuba Standard, 01/06/2011) Chinese and Russian companies will be exploring for oil in the Orinoco Basin soon, and within the next five years they will begin exporting their respective equity production of what eventually will be more than 400,000 barrels per day of 32 degrees API upgraded Venezuelan crude.

[Expert: China's urbanization taxing on resources, environment](#) (People's Daily, 01/05/2011) Compared to the relatively high level of industrialization, the urbanization level in China still lagged far behind, said Liu Zhifeng, chairman of the China Real Estate Research Association recently.

[What can we expect on climate and energy in China in 2011?](#) (World Resources Institute, 01/05/2011) 2011 will be a big year for climate and energy policy development in China, so we thought we'd highlight some of the key China energy and climate-related stories to watch out for during the course of the year.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Nosing into the emerging national parks of China's Yunnan province](#) (LA Times, 01/09/2011) Reporting from Yunnan province, China — One spring morning last year, I stuffed my rucksack with things I bring on camping trips in the U.S.: fleece, books 'n' socks, toothbrush, bug spray, sunshades. Then I shouldered my mandolin case, unlatched my apartment gate and stepped into the sunshine.

[With new method, China can mass-produce light water for its citizens](#) (Popular Science, 01/06/2011) In an effort to produce mass quantities of healthier H₂O, Chinese scientists have come up with a new method to change water's chemical composition. It involves making light water.

CORPORATIONS

[China power sector to boom as oil sector goes slower](#) (Reuters, 01/06/2011) China unveiled a raft of targets for its energy and power sectors on Thursday, revealing a plan for a rapid increase in power generation but a much slower rise in the country's oil refining capacity over the next five years.

[Expanding clean-energy cooperation](#) (People's Daily, 01/06/2011) As a sign of increasing energy cooperation between China and the United States, State Nuclear Power Technology Corp Ltd has plans to develop new types of nuclear reactors with US-based Westinghouse Electric Co.

[Huaneng Power acquires stake in Fushu Suzihe Hydropower](#) (Energy Business Review, 01/06/2011) Chinese power producer Huaneng Power

International has entered into an agreement to acquire 100% equity interest in Fushun Suzihe Hydropower Co for RMB50m (approximately \$7.5m).

[Sudan vote may shift control of oil pumped by China's CNPC](#) (Bloomberg, 01/06/2011) In Southern Sudan, the open palm symbol of secession is splattered across billboards and T-shirts as the region prepares to vote in a referendum that may divide sub-Saharan Africa's third-biggest oil producer.

[GoSolarUSA, PREE Corp. targeting China for expansion](#) (San Antonio Business Journal, 01/06/2011) GoSolarUSA is in negotiations with PREE Corp. on a licensing agreement that would give GoSolarUSA the exclusive rights to sell PREE technology in China.

[China-Russia oil pipeline opens](#) (Industrial Fuels and Power, 01/05/2011) The world's largest oil producer, Russia, and the world's largest energy consumer, China, are now linked by an oil pipeline, which marks a new era in supplying China with Russian oil.

[A-Power Energy secures US \\$36.5 mln contract in Dalian](#) (China Knowledge, 01/05/2011) A-Power Energy Generation Systems Ltd<APWR>, a provider of distributed power generation systems and a manufacturer of wind turbines in China, on Jan. 3 announced that it has acquired a US\$36.5 million worth of contract to start a power generation project in Dalian, Liaoning Province.

[China's relentless hunt for energy](#) (Wall Street Journal, 01/03/2011) Bankers see China's national oil producers increasingly buying companies, not just assets, and using their deep pockets to acquire technology to extract harder-to-reach resources. While they're likely to continue combing emerging markets for energy deals in 2011, they may be tempted to hunt for opportunity elsewhere—including in or near the U.S.

[Sino Clean Energy: A 'Cheap' China Coal Play Poised for Massive Growth](#) (Seeking Alpha, 01/03/2011) Intelligent investing is nothing more than maintenance and expansion of capital while managing risk in a

world of imperfect information and uncertainty. To do this, one must think clearly and avoid letting emotion or fear corrode rationality.

GOVERNMENT

[New standards for rare earth sector](#) (People's Daily, 01/07/2011) A set of new industry standards aimed at reducing pollution and to regulate practices by rare earth mining companies is set to be revealed this year, after obtaining the appropriate approval from the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP), said an expert who helped draft the standards.

[China leads Asia in clean energy, says UN official](#) (People's Daily, 01/07/2011) China's massive investment in new energy industries in recent years has made it Asia's green economy giant, Ajay Chhibber, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, said Thursday.

[China meets 5-year energy-saving goal: NDRC](#) (Xinhua, 01/06/2011) China said Thursday it could basically meet its goal of reducing energy consumption per unit of gross domestic product (GDP) by around 20 percent from 2005 levels by the end of 2010.

[China's growth-crazed provinces urged to slow down](#) (Reuters, 01/06/2011) Alarmed by the vaulting ambitions of many Chinese provinces to grow at all costs, China's top economic chief is pleading with officials to calm down and spare a thought for the environment.

[China steps up safety requirements for dairy firms](#) (Business Week, 01/06/2011) State media say China will require dairy companies to renew their production licenses or face closure in the latest bid to ensure safety following a scandal over melamine-tainted infant formula that killed six babies.

[China ready for flood of hydropower](#) (Global Times, 01/06/2011) With 2020 clean-energy targets to meet, China is set to accelerate the building of

hydroelectric dams, reversing a long halt caused by environmental concerns and the social upheaval of relocating people living in the shadow of dam sites.

[Tibet's 2006-2010 spending on environment protection tops 10 Bln Yuan](#) (Xinhua, 01/04/2011) Southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region spent 10.1 billion yuan (1.53 billion U.S. dollars) to protect its plateau environment over the past five years, three times as much as in the 2001-2005 period, the regional government said Tuesday.

[No clear winner in hydro vs coal power debate](#) (East Day, 01/04/2011) The argument that hydropower construction may contribute more pollution than thermal power plants has stirred controversy among the country's top authorities, reported Chinese media on Sunday.

[China to explore Mars with Russia this year](#) (AFP, 01/03/2011) China's first Mars probe is expected to be launched in October this year in a joint operation with Russia after a two-year delay, state media reported Sunday.

[China 'in nuclear power' advance](#) (BBC, 01/03/2011) China has developed its own technologies that will enable it to reprocess spent nuclear fuel, state television has reported. The country has launched an ambitious programme to build a number of new nuclear power stations.