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OPINION

[Tapping ancient wisdom for easy and green living](#) (Xinhua, 1/27/2011) The ancient wisdom of traditional Chinese architecture should be applied to modern residential buildings because it can make the houses safer, more comfortable and environmentally friendly.

[Hard choices: Evergreen Solar's China move](#) (Bloomberg, 1/27/2011) CEO Michael El-Hillow on why he closed his U.S. plant, fired 800 workers, and is moving his company to China.

[Talking tactics](#) (China Dialogue, 1/27/2011) China's performance in Cancún points to a new, more conciliatory climate diplomacy from a country that knows the sharp end of the blame game, write Angel Hsu and Zhao Yupu.

[More stimulus needed for energy conservation in China](#) (WWF, 1/26/2011) Economic development plans in China need to further promote a low carbon economy, says a new WWF report assessing the climate and energy impacts of China's stimulus package.

[WTO complaint complicates Chinese-American cooperation](#) (Americans for Energy Leadership, 1/25/2011) China's President Hu Jintao recently ended his 4 day visit to the United States, leaving many questions as to the future of Chinese, American relations over clean energy and climate change mitigation. The U.S. and China have numerous public and private partnerships on energy issues, but a recent complaint to the World Trade Organization filed by the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) against China could stall progress.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[All aboard for China's fast-track future?](#) (CNN, 1/28/2011) As Chinese New Year approaches, hundreds of millions of people have already begun long journeys back to far-flung provinces across China to celebrate with their families.

[Lingering drought may cut water supply in E China province](#) (Xinhua, 1/27/2011) Water supplies to nearly one million people will cease if a drought in east China's Shandong Province lasts until the end of March, disaster prevention officials warned Thursday, as much of China's northern region continued to experience less than average rainfall, which started months ago.

[US behind China in wind power energy](#) (UPI, 1/25/2011) China has surpassed the United States in electricity production from wind power, a U.S. trade group says.

[Can the sea solve China's water crisis?](#) (Guardian, 1/24/2011) The highest-tech effort yet to ease China's water crisis sits between a wide, flat grid of salt farms and two giant cooling towers that rise up from a vast expanse of reclaimed land on the western shore of the Bohai Sea.

[Chinese environmentalists criticize decision to shrink fish reserve on Yangtze River](#) (Canadian Press, 1/23/2011) Environmental groups in China are criticizing a decision to shrink a fish reserve on the Upper Yangtze River, saying it would allow the construction of a dam that could endanger rare fish species.

CORPORATIONS

[Clean energy firm considers waste heat](#) (The National, 1/21/2011) Masdar Capital, the investment arm of Abu Dhabi's clean-energy company, is eyeing its first investments in waste-heat projects. Until now, its investments have been in

[The coal boom: Burning ambitions](#) (The Economist, 1/27/2011) In rich countries, where people worry about air quality and debate ways of pricing carbon emissions, coal is deeply unfashionable. Elsewhere demand for the dirty rocks has never been stronger. The International Energy Agency (IEA) reckons

world consumption will increase by a fifth over the next 25 years, assuming governments stick to their current climate-change policies. A new age of coal is upon us.

[India, China demand put cotton to new era of higher prices](#) (Commodity Online, 1/27/2011)
Growing demand from China and India helped cotton prices to climb new scales as futures in the fibre revived to set a fresh record high, said Rabobank.

[Slashing solar subsidies, and lighting way for China](#) (Miller McCune, 1/26/2011) The fine balance in Germany between markets and green energy policy highlights the real-world challenges for moving away from traditional power sources.

[Harbor City trunk maker announces deal to export green drive systems to China](#) (LA Times, 1/25/2011) A Los Angeles County heavy-duty truck, tractor and electrical systems maker announced a deal Tuesday to export \$15.9 million worth of electric vehicle drive systems to China to power buses.

[Echelon expands smart-lighting business in China](#) (Wall Street Journal, 1/25/2011) A push by the Chinese government to cut energy consumption is leading to greater business opportunities for U.S. smart-grid company Echelon Corp. (ELON), the company said Tuesday. Echelon, which sells smart meters and related software and communications equipment to U.S. and European utilities, has recently adapted its products for city street lights.

[Canada's crude draws China's interest](#) (Wall Street Journal, 1/24/2011) Canadian National Railway Co. and some Chinese companies are in talks about possible exports of crude oil produced in Canada's inland province of Saskatchewan via railway to a West Coast port, Saskatchewan's energy and resources minister said Monday.

GOVERNMENT

[China's leading science organ announces decade goals](#) (Xinhua, 1/28/2011) China's leading science research body has worked out a ten-year program that is aimed at achieving breakthroughs in key areas including space science, information technology, energy and health.

[Brazil to inaugurate thermoelectric plant built with China's help](#) (Global Times, 1/28/2011)
Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Friday will inaugurate a thermoelectric power plant which was built with China's help and can provide energy for a million people, a presidential statement said on Wednesday.

[China to step up controversial technology plans](#) (NPR, 1/27/2011) China plans to step up efforts to develop clean energy and other technology industries this year, government officials said Thursday, a strategy that has strained trade ties with Washington and other governments.

[China's power demand growth may slow to 9% this year, NEA says](#) (Bloomberg, 1/27/2011)
China, the world's biggest energy user, may cut power consumption growth this year as government

measures to cool the economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions damp demand, the National Energy Administration said.

[China issues guidelines to create quieter environment](#) (East Day, 1/26/2011) China's 11 government departments have jointly released a guideline outlining major measures to lessen noise pollution amid rising noise disputes and complaints, the Ministry of Environmental Protection said Tuesday.

[China to build 10 more mega nuclear reactors](#) (India Times, 1/25/2011) China will construct 10 more mega nuclear reactors with a whopping investment of USD 121.5 billion, in addition to 25 currently being built, to step up its atomic power generation to meet its rising energy demands.

[China tightens rules for solar polysilicon plants, may force consolidation](#) (Bloomberg, 1/25/2011) China tightened rules for polysilicon factories, a move that may spur consolidation in the country that is the world's largest supplier of solar panels.

[China plans to expand energy tax nationwide](#) (AP, 1/25/2011) China's finance minister says Beijing plans to impose a nationwide tax on production of oil, coal and water to raise money for poor areas.

[Australia, China to work together on depolluting Poyang Lake](#) (India Times, 1/23/2011) Chinese and Australian scientists are set to work together to reduce pollution in the Poyang Lake, China's largest freshwater lake, state media reported.

[US-China energy dealmaking](#) (Center for American Progress, 1/21/2011) President Barack Obama and China's President Hu Jintao shake hands after their joint news conference on January 19, 2011. The deals cut on clean energy among U.S. and Chinese companies are a positive step, but the United States needs to strengthen and enact clean energy policies to remain competitive in this emerging worldwide market and boost domestic economic growth.