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OPINION

[Changing China's Growth Path](#) (Project Syndicate, 4/14/2011) China is poised to begin its transition from middle-income to developed-country status. Relatively few countries (five to be precise, all in Asia: Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore) successfully managed this transition while sustaining high growth rates.

[China needs nuclear power – and regulations](#) (Bloomberg, 4/14/2011) The Fukushima disaster is not slowing down the Chinese industry, which plans to build 10 reactors a year.

[Greening China through international cooperation and improved transparency: some recent talks](#) (NRDC, 4/14/2011) Everyone is interested in what China's doing on environment these days. I spoke to a group of environmental law students at Tulane University on what China is doing on climate and energy, and they wanted to know how China is planning on living up to its Copenhagen commitments.

[Japan can't dump waste in its neighbors' yards](#) (Global Times, 4/12/2011) Japan's handling of its nuclear crisis and its dumping of massive amounts of radiation-contaminated water into the ocean have become an international concern.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Toxic tale shines at China environmental press awards](#) (Guardian, 4/14/2011) A horrifying investigation of a toxic spill from China's biggest gold mining company was among the winners at the second China environmental press awards on Wednesday.

[Efforts afoot to prevent pollution from sandstorms](#) (China Daily, 4/14/2011) More efforts are needed to prevent toxic coal-dust storms in China and to protect the public's health, warn environmental activists.

[A green paper tiger?](#) (China Dialogue, 4/14/2011) Stone-based paper became a much-fêted "environmentally friendly" product in China. But how green is it? Southern Weekend reporters Lu Zongshu, Wang Qing and Wang Xiaoye won the investigative journalism prize at this year's China Environmental Press Awards for this report.

[Q&A: Ma Jun on China's Economic Development and Water Resources](#) (Circle of Blue, 4/12/2011) Ma Jun tells Circle of Blue that China is still on the track of a highly energy- and resource-intensive model, with the need to de-couple economic growth from the expansion of resource consumption.

[China Times: Alternatives for petrochemical project](#) (Focus Taiwan 4/8/2011) Civic groups in Changhua County recently organized a luncheon to voice their opposition to a plan by Kuokuang Petrochemical Technology Co. to build a petrochemical complex in the county's coastal Dacheng Wetland. This has reignited the debate over the dilemma between economic development and environmental protection in the run-up to the 2012 presidential election.

CORPORATIONS

['Green' manufacturing makes headway](#) (Global Sources, 4/15/2011) Companies adopt various strategies, which include using textiles from natural sources and modifying production processes, to make eco-friendly clothing.

[Chinese finance \\$6bn investment in renewable energy in Australia](#) (Courier Mail, 4/14/2011) A partnership of Australian and Chinese companies plans to build \$6 billion worth of wind and solar farms in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales and become a significant energy market player.

[China May Start Shale-Gas Production by 2015 to Meet Cleaner Fuel Demand](#) (Bloomberg, 4/14/2011) China, the world's biggest polluter, may start producing shale gas within five years to meet rising demand for cleaner-burning fuels.

[In China, Factory Workers Allege Poisoning From iPhone Production](#) (PBS, 4/13/2011) Special correspondent Jeffrey Kaye reports from the eastern Chinese city of Suzhou, where some factory workers say they've been poisoned by exposure to a toxic chemical while working at an Apple iPhone assembly plant.

[Top 10 Climate Capitalists of the 21st Century](#) (Triple Pundit, 4/12/2011) In honor of the launch of Climate Capitalism: Capitalism in the Age of Climate Change, I would like to honor my personal top 10 Climate Capitalists (in alphabetical order) from around the globe.

GOVERNMENT

[Wind energy Sinovel new installed wind farm capacity ascends to world No.2](#) (REVE, 4/15/2011) According to the statistical data, Sinovel's new installed capacity of wind power has soared from 3,510 MW in 2009 to 4,386 MW in 2010, with its global market share surging from 9.2% to 11.1%, thus maintaining the lead at home and jumping from the third to the second in the world.

[China Puts Brakes on High-Speed Trains](#) (Wall Street Journal, 4/15/2011) China will begin forcing its growing fleet of high-speed trains to operate at slower speeds, the country's railways chief said in an interview with state-run media, in the latest sign of trouble for the country's most vaunted transportation project.

[Pearl River fishing ban may reduce net loss](#) (China Daily, 4/14/2011) Wei Lizhen, 59, usually casts her fishing nets on the Xijiang River around 5 am. The villager from Zhaoqing, Guangdong province, has been fishing on the tributary of the Pearl River for more than 30 years.

[Seoul, Beijing to Strengthen Nuclear Safety Cooperation](#) (The Chosun Ilbo, 4/14/2011) Korea and China have agreed to inform each other immediately and strengthen cooperation if an accident occurs at any of the nuclear power plants in the two countries. Prime Minister Kim Hwang-sik and his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao reached the agreement in Beijing on Wednesday.

[China's Green Blueprint Raises Stakes at U.N. Climate Talks](#) (IPS, 4/14/2011) China's rise as a leader in the environmentally friendly, low-carbon economy is giving the Asian giant new diplomatic muscle for this year's round of climate change negotiations leading up to the COP17 U.N. summit in Durban, South Africa in November.

[China's Guangdong Province Pulls Out All the Stops in EV Initiative](#) (Renewable Energy World, 4/14/2011) The Guangdong provincial government announced an initiative last week that indicates the electric vehicles (EVs) industry is set to take off in a big way across the province. Dubbed the Guangdong Province Electric Vehicles Development Action Plan, EVs defined in the plan include hybrid, pure electric and fuel battery-powered electric vehicles.

[China's power consumption up 13.4% in March](#) (Xinhua, 4/14/2011) China's power consumption rose 13.41 percent year on year in March to 388.8 billion kilowatt hours (kwh), the National Energy Administration (NEA) said Thursday.

[China Committed to Deliver on Carbon Reductions, Official Says](#) (Bloomberg, 4/13/2011) China is committed to deliver on its pledge to lower the carbon intensity of its economy by 40 percent by 2020 compared with 2005 levels, said Ding Zhimin, deputy director general of the Policy and Law Department at the National Energy Administration.

[Trace amounts of radioactive materials detected in more Chinese vegetables](#) (Xinhua, 4/13/2011) China's Ministry of Health said Wednesday that "extremely low levels" of radioactive isotope iodine-131 had been detected in various kinds of vegetables in 12 provincial regions.

[China's Ambitious, High-Growth 5-Year Plan Stirs a Climate Debate](#) (New York Times, 4/12/2011)

Among the small band of U.S. analysts who occupy the nexus of the Chinese economy and global climate change policy, Scissors, an economist at the Heritage Foundation's Asian Studies Center, is a dyed-in-the-wool contrarian. Lately, as Congress thrashes about trying to understand China's nature as an economic competitor, Scissors has been pushing back against the U.S. environmental community's top China experts.

[China to improve mechanism in coal and power industries](#) (Reuters, 4/12/2011) China will improve the structure and mechanism of its coal and power industries to ease the burden of soaring coal costs of power companies, said Liu Tienan, head of the National Energy Administration (NEA).

[Medvedev to Trade Energy for Investment on China Trip](#) (Bloomberg, 4/12/2011) President Dmitry Medvedev will seek to use Russia's energy might to win Chinese investment in his drive to modernize the nation's economy as he travels to China for the annual summit of BRICS nations.

[China to launch emissions trading in six regions](#) (Industrial Fuels and Power, 4/12/2011) China will launch pilot emissions trading schemes in six areas before 2013 and set up a nationwide trading platform by 2015, according Thomson Reuters Point Carbon, citing the country's vice-director of the NDRC's climate change department, Sun Cuihua. "We hope to roll out the pilot regional schemes before 2013 and scale up to a national scheme from 2015," she said. The pilot schemes will be deployed in cities of Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai and Tianjin and the provinces of Hubei and Guangdong.

[U.S. falls behind China in wind power](#) (Reuters, 4/11/2011) The United States fell behind China in the development of wind power, as new wind power added in the United States fell sharply last year from 2009, the industry's trade group said on Thursday.