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OPINION

[Green China is a myth](#) (Sydney Morning Herald, 4/28/2011) Bjorn Lomborg. A country that burns carbon to make green energy for the West is hardly a friend of the environment.

[How Excited Should We Be About China's Green Energy?](#) (TIME, 4/28/2011) An interesting debate showed up in my Twitter feed today. A few followers of China's green energy policies have taken climate skeptic Bjorn Lomborg's recent opinion piece in the Washington Post to task for using some information that undersells what China has accomplished.

[The prize, perils and price of China's plan](#) (Financial Times, 4/28/2011) Opinion article by Nicholas Stern. China's 12th five-year plan for 2011 to 2015, finalised last month, will have a dramatic impact on the global economy and ambitions for managing the risks of climate change. In our preoccupation with

shorter-run debt and finance issues, we risk overlooking medium- to long-term changes of profound significance.

[Truth and Nonsense on Chinese Clean Energy](#) (Council on Foreign Relations, 4/21/2011) There is a serious fact-based case to be made for why China is not crushing the United States in a clean energy race. Unfortunately, Bjorn Lomborg's op-ed in today's Washington Post makes the argument using a mix of truth and nonsense. This won't do much but perpetuate an ongoing battle of misleading statistics and dubious interpretations.

[Water Needs Curtail China's Coal Gasification For Fuel, Yet Conversion To Chemicals Pushes Ahead](#) (Circle of Blue, 4/27/2011) Though coal-to-liquids has been suspended due to water scarcity, the process uses 50 percent less water per unit of end product compared with coal-to-chemicals processes which have been given the go-ahead in hopes of slowing petroleum imports.

[What China's New Space Station means for the world](#) (Fast Company, 4/27/2011) Once in space, it's just a hop, skip, and a jump to the moon... and Mars. And the Chinese aren't thinking small.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[A taste of Chinese vegetarianism](#) (China Dialogue, 4/21/2011) As non-meat restaurants proliferate in China, diners are flocking to them for many reasons: flavour, nutrition, ethics, faith, culture, fashion, food safety and environmental

[Film Highlights Potential Harm of Mekong Dams](#) (Voice of America, 4/28/2011) A documentary showing the possible impacts of hydropower dams on the Mekong was screened in Phnom Penh Tuesday night, a week after Mekong countries failed to decide on a dam proposed in Laos.

[Power shortages strikes cities ahead of peak time](#) (CRIENGLISH, 4/28/2011) The power shortages happening ahead of peak usage time has hit many cities in south China since March, which highlights the contradiction between the supply and requirements for electricity resources, the China News Service reports.

[Innovation Key to Chinese Sustainable Enterprises](#) (CRIENGLISH, 4/28/2011) Innovation is the key for Chinese sustainable enterprises in gaining a strong foothold in tomorrow's green economy, experts said at a forum held in Beijing.

[A Dispatch from the Youth Climate Movement](#) (World Policy Blog, 4/25/2011) “你们会说英语吗? (Can you all speak English?) Kevin S. Osborne, a recent graduate from Seattle University asked before joining his partner in talking about efforts to forge Sino-US partnerships to address climate change (in English). The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) club was holding one of its regular educational meetings for its members on a Friday night in a Beijing University classroom. Kevin and his partner, a Beijing University graduate student, explained to the crowd of maybe twenty people what they have done to try and get American and Chinese youth to work together.

CORPORATIONS

[Boosting advanced biofuels in China](#) (Web Wire, 4/28/2011) Novozymes, the world leader in bioinnovation and industrial enzymes, is seeing initiatives from the Chinese government, industry, and partners who are combining forces to boost China's advanced biofuel industry.

[Siemens to supply components for Chinese power transmission projects](#) (Energy Business Review, 4/27/2011) Siemens Energy has secured a contract worth approximately EUR250m (\$367.1m) from China Southern Power Grid Co to supply components for two electricity transmission projects in southern China.

[China to invest \\$391 bln in power grids from 2011-2015 –report](#) (Reuters, 4/26/2011) The State Grid Corp of China plans to boost investments in the country's power grids to 2.55 trillion yuan (\$390.63 billion) in the coming five-year plan, up 68 percent from the preceding period, the China Securities Journal reported on Tuesday.

[China's wind power sector expected to see tremendous growth](#) (Renewable Energy World, 4/26/2011) The nuclear accident triggered by the devastating earthquake in Japan has created new market opportunities for China's wind power sector. According to a statistical report released by the Chinese Wind Energy Association, mainland China added 18.9 GW of new wind power capacity in 2010, a year-over-year increase of 73.3 percent, bringing the country's installed wind power capacity up to 44.7 GW and catapulting the country to first place globally for the first time, ahead of the U.S., in terms of installed wind power capacity.

[Chinese oil firms eye storage in Mideast](#) (Wall Street Journal, 4/25/2011) Chinese energy companies are mulling plans to boost petroleum storage in the hydrocarbon-rich Persian Gulf region as part of a global push to diversify their business beyond Asia and expand trading of oil products overseas.

[Analysis: Investors chase big catch in China's muddy waters](#) (Reuters, 4/21/2011) There is a clear winner as China pumps in billions of dollars to reverse the damage to its water resources and provide clean water to its people -- water-treatment firms.

GOVERNMENT

[Xi'an to welcome crowd for huge plant exposition](#) (People's Daily, 4/29/2011) More than 12 million tourists are expected to go this year to the International Horticultural Exposition, which began in Xi'an, capital of Northwest China's Shaanxi province, on Thursday.

[China starts running National Coal Emergency Reserve Program](#) (Steel Guru, 4/29/2011) It is reported that China's long awaited National Coal Emergency Reserve Program is up and running, but

protracted quarrels between coal suppliers and power plant operators have cast a cloud over the ambitious project.

[DOE Expert sees growth in China's GHG emissions stopping in 2 decades – if everything goes right](#) (New York Times, 4/28/2011) China's energy use should flatten out sometime around 2030, with a similar leveling off of its greenhouse gas emissions, a federal researcher said yesterday.

[New Census Finds China's Population Growth Has Slowed](#) (New York Times, 4/28/2011) China's population grew more urbanized, educated and older as the growth of the world's most populous nation slowed to a pace half that of the previous decade, results of the 2010 census released on Thursday indicated.

[Giant panda wildlife training improved](#) (Xinhua, 4/28/2011) Giant pandas raised at the Wolong Nature Reserve in southwest China's Sichuan Province will have greater opportunities to get back to nature this year.

[China, Indonesia set up joint oceanic observation station](#) (Xinhua, 4/28/2011) China and Indonesia have set up a joint oceanic observation station in Padang, the capital of Indonesia's West Sumatera province, according to a statement by China's State Oceanic Administration (SOA) on Thursday.

[NDRC warn of possible electricity shortage](#) (Global Times, 4/28/2011) China's top economic planning organization, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), launched a meeting regarding coal supply and demand with four domestic coal enterprises Wednesday, a spokesman for the China National Coal Association said Wednesday.

[China plans to have 100 new energy demonstration cities by 2015](#) (Business China, 4/27/2011) China, the world's second-largest energy consumer, will choose 100 new energy demonstration cities by 2015 as a vital component of its new energy strategy outlined in the 12th Five-Year Plan.

[China to Set up Funds for Development of Green Energy Counties](#) (Xinhua, 4/28/2011) China will set up special funds to support the creation of green energy-oriented counties in an effort to promote the use of renewable energy in the country's rural areas, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) said Thursday.

[China PV roadmap calls for 60 GW by 2020](#) (Electro IQ, 4/27/2011) The SEMI PV Group released "China's Solar Future -- A Recommended China PV Policy Roadmap 2.0," a report containing specific recommendations for a China photovoltaic (PV) policy roadmap.

[Closer cooperation on environmental protection among China, Japan, ROK needed: officials](#) (Xinhua, 4/26/2011) Delegations from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) on Monday called for a closer cooperation on disaster relief and environmental protection among the three countries.