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OPINION

[Reassessing the Chinese Clean-Tech Juggernaut \(or Why the U.S. Shouldn't be Written off Quite Yet\)](#) (Renewable Energy World, 5/4/2011) China is clearly a clean-tech force to be reckoned with. It installed more wind power, manufactured more solar PV and solar hot water heaters, and spent more money overall on clean-energy investments than any other nation in 2010. The Chinese government, facing severe pollution issues and energy shortages, has made clean tech a cornerstone of its economic security and development plans.

[Where will China find the oil to power its economy?](#) (Globe and Mail, 5/4/2011) With OPEC tapped out, where will China find the oil to power future economic growth?

[Who Will Win on Offshore Wind: the United Kingdom, Germany, or China?](#) (Reuters, 5/3/2011) Though the Obama Administration has taken some serious steps to help accelerate the market for

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offshore wind power in the United States, a new report from Pike Research reveals that it is Europe that is in the driver's seat, and that China is the other prime contender for world leader over the next decade.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[Public will push China on environment: EU climate chief](#) (AFP, 5/4/2011) Pressure from a growing middle class will encourage China's leaders to push ahead with cleaning up the environment, the European Union's climate action commissioner said Tuesday.

[Protecting the spotted seal](#) (China Dialogue, 5/5/2011) Campaigners in north-east China are trying to conserve the threatened habitat of the spotted seal. Meng Si narrates a slideshow of photographs by Tian Jiguang.

[U.S., China Energy Use Predicted to Flatten in Coming Decades](#) (Yale Environment 360, 4/29/2011) Two new studies forecast that energy use and carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. and China will level off by about 2030, even if aggressive measures are not taken to rein in greenhouse gases.

CORPORATIONS

[Among China's up-and-comers](#) (WSJ, 5/5/2011) There's a definite buzz around the community center in Chai Wan, a mostly residential area here, on a recent Thursday afternoon. The place is swarming with college students decked out in business formal. They've come for a competition in entrepreneurship. The rest of us should come for a glimpse of what the brightest young entrepreneurs in the world's most populous country are getting up to.

[China's Tongwei to invest \\$1.5 bln in solar energy business](#) (Reuters, 5/5/2011) Chinese feedstuff maker Tongwei Group plans to invest as much as 10 billion yuan (\$1.54 billion) over the next five years in its nascent polysilicon business, hoping to become a clean-tech giant on the back of strong demand for solar energy, a senior executive said on Thursday.

[China Regulator To Review BYD Co's A-Share IPO Monday](#) (WSJ, 5/4/2011) China's securities regulator said Thursday it will review BYD Co.'s ([1211.HK](#)) plan to list its shares on the Shenzhen Stock exchange Monday, as the Chinese battery and car maker seeks to raise funds to expand its battery and automobile operations.

[Wind energy Vestas receives 50 MW order for wind turbines in China](#) (EV Wind, 5/4/2011) Vestas receives 49 MW wind power order for V80 wind turbines and signs frame agreement for 250 MW

in wind farm plants. Vestas, the global leader in wind energy, has initiated cooperation with a new Chinese customer, Inner Mongolia Guibang Shengtai Investment Co. Ltd. (GSI).

[Special report: Can China's billions spur the next big idea?](#) (Reuters, 5/5/2011) If innovation is about dreaming up the next big idea, then the black box devised by Guangdong East Power probably doesn't qualify.

[China's Zijin Mining fined \\$4.6 million for toxic spill at copper mine](#) (AP, 5/5/2011) A court in southeastern China's Fujian province has ordered the country's biggest gold miner, Zijin Mining Group, to pay a criminal fine of \$4.6 million for toxic mine spills that highlight the challenges of policing heavy polluters with close ties to local authorities.

[China pays price for world's rare earths addiction](#) (AFP, 5/1/2011) Peasant farmer Wang Tao used to grow corn, potatoes and wheat within a stone's throw of a dumping ground for rare earths waste until toxic chemicals leaked into the water supply and poisoned his land.

[China's Gross Marine Product Value Approaches 4 trillion Yuan in 2010](#) (Xinhua, 4/29/2011) The gross product value generated by China's marine industry exceeded 3.84 trillion yuan (590 billion U.S. dollars) last year, up by 12.8 percent from 2009, according to an annual report released Friday.

GOVERNMENT

[China's energy bosses taking political wheel](#) (Asia Times, 5/6/2011) The appointment earlier this month of Su Shulin, Chinese Communist Party (CCP) secretary and general manager of Sinopec, as acting governor of Fujian province highlighted the growing clout of the "Energy Faction" in Chinese politics.

[China doubles solar power target to 10 GW by 2015 – paper](#) (Reuters, 5/6/2011) China has doubled its target for installed photovoltaic power capacity over the next five years to 10 gigawatt (GW) by 2015, the Shanghai Securities News said on Friday, citing an official from the research arm of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

[China's Hebei province aims to boost renewable energy development](#) (Renewable Energy World, 5/5/2011) Hebei province proposed in its Twelfth Five-Year Plan, which spans 2011-2015, increasing the portion that renewable energy contributes to final energy consumption -- including electricity, heat and fuel -- from 2.6 percent to more than 5 percent, in a move to boost the development of the new energy sector.

[Grave situation threatens coastal areas](#) (People's Daily, 5/5/2011) China's fragile coastal ecosystems are severely threatened by human activities, and pollution and environmental degradation have created a "grave situation", according to a report released by the State Oceanic Administration.

[China reflects on solar panel growth](#) (Financial Times, 5/5/2011)

Chinese authorities are to launch an investigation of quality standards in China's solar panel industry, the largest in the world, underlining Beijing's growing efforts to regulate runaway growth among clean energy manufacturers.

[China's drinking water polluted](#) (Radio Free Asia, 5/3/2011) Around 90 percent of the water table under China's major cities is polluted to some extent, with residents of the worst-affected areas forced to buy drinking water, according to a recent official report.