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OPINION

[China must take lead in sustainability issues](#) (Global Time, 12/23/2013) Smog and other pollution issues have been hotly discussed in China. But under China's current technological conditions, there is a challenge in balancing environmental protection and economic development. What choices should China make?

[Nation lags on environmental targets](#) (China Daily, 12/26/2013) China's performance in four areas related to environmental protection fell short of standards set to help the country achieve its social and economic development goals by 2015, according to a report released on Wednesday by the National Development and Reform Commission.

[5 Things to Watch: China's Energy and Environmental Policy](#) (Wall Street Journal, 12/31/2013) An overhaul of China's energy and environmental policies will be in focus next year as the country struggles to balance economic growth with protecting the environment.

[China's Bill for Cleaning Air Pollution Mounts; State TV Promotes Benefits of Smog](#) (TownHall, 01/02/2014) As China enters 2014 reeling from one of the worst polluted winters in recent years, experts from two major research institutes have openly disagreed over what is the main culprit behind the capital city's dismal air pollution.

[Why Economic Growth Could Be The Solution To China's Pollution](#) (Forbes, 01/02/2014) China's rapid economic growth has wreaked havoc on the country's environment. The recent 'airpocalypse' speaks to the scale of the unprecedented pollution. However, the cause of China's environmental problems could also be the solution.

[Shanghai paying price of China's campaign against industrial pollution](#) (Reuters, 01/03/2014) Chinese steel production is moving from its heartland in Hebei province in the wake of government efforts to tackle pollution near Beijing, but Shanghai could be paying the price as steel mills around the commercial capital ramp up output.

[Cars or coal? Scientists split over main culprit of Beijing's air pollution](#) (South China Morning Post, 01/04/2014) As China enters 2014 reeling from one of the worst polluted

winters in recent years, experts from two major research institutes have openly disagreed over what is the main culprit behind the capital city's dismal air pollution.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[Bay fish 'not killed by oil pollution'](#) (China Daily, 12/24/2013) Hundreds of fish, crabs and shrimps found floating in Jiaozhou Bay were not killed by crude oil pollution, the environment protection bureau in Qingdao, Shandong province, said, China News Service reported.

[Failure to restrict traffic for smog frustrates](#) (Global Times, 12/24/2013) On Sunday evening, the Tianjin Environmental Protection Bureau (TEPB) issued a traffic restriction scheme based on car license plate numbers for Monday in response to heavy smog. The news was quickly circulated, with many Tianjin residents objecting to it. Hours later, the local traffic management bureau said that the city would not implement the scheme.

[Chinese people battle against smog despite doubts](#) (Xinhua, 12/27/2013) Even with dense smog covering the north China city of Shijiazhuang for 12 consecutive days, few people in the hazy city wear masks. For Liu Jia, 30, a white-collar worker in Beijing, it is impossible to live in the "poisonous" air without any protection.

[Smog prompts jokes but little action from public](#) (Xinhua, 12/29/2013) Last week I took a one-week vacation in Hainan Province, a warm island in South China. On a yacht berthed at a picturesque bay, I, together with a group of tourists, started self-introduction in turn. Each one mentioned where he or she came from and what local specialties they had there.

[Ecological environment and air quality are primary concerns in Suzhou](#) (China Daily, 12/30/2013) An activity known as "10 Environmental Events I Was Most Concerned About in 2013" revealed that the environment and air quality were the top concerns for Suzhou citizens. The activity started on December 20 and received votes from more than 1,600 netizens and readers in four days.

[Beijing School Takes Classes Online When Air Pollution Keeps Kids Indoors](#) (International Business Times, 12/31/2013) Schools in China are struggling to adjust to the increasing amounts of toxic air blanketing cities across the rapidly industrializing country. While children in other parts of the world enjoy snow days, China's severe levels of air pollution bring bad air days, when local governments cancel classes to keep children indoors.

[IAAF chief urges China to improve air quality amid marathon boom](#) (Xinhua, 01/02/2014) IAAF President Lamine Diack has urged Chinese authorities to curb air pollution amid a boom of marathon races in the world's most populous country.

COPPORATE SECTOR

[Tianjin launches China's latest carbon market](#) (Reuters, 12/25/2013) The Chinese city of Tianjin on Thursday launched the country's fifth emissions trading scheme as the world's biggest-emitting nation took another step towards reining in its impact on the environment.

[Solar firm weathers storm with sound principles](#) (China Daily, 12/25/2013) There is a kind of company that will never be the rock star of an industry. Unlike the luminaries that rise and fall precipitously, these quiet fortunes start from humble beginnings and progress slowly and steadily.

[Opportunity glimmers through China's toxic smog](#) (Reuters, 12/29/2013) As China's smog levels crept past record highs in early December, the phone lines at pollution-busting kit maker Broad Group lit up with Chinese customers worried about hazardous pollution levels that have gripped China this year.

[805 companies face punishment for pollution](#) (Xinhua, 12/30/2013) China's environmental watchdog on Monday said it plans to punish 805 companies for violating environmental protection regulations. These companies were identified during a massive monthly inspection in November, when the Ministry of Environmental Protection checked 29,285 industrial and catering companies in 37 cities across China, according to the ministry.

[China links corporate credit with environmental efforts](#) (Xinhua, 01/02/2014) The Chinese government will use "environmental credits" to gauge companies' pollution control efforts and influence the treatment they get in various social aspects.

GOVERNMENT

[New incentives weighed to curtail overcapacity](#) (China Daily, 12/24/2013) China will use fiscal and financial incentives to encourage consolidation in a number of industries, Minister of Industry and Information Technology Miao Wei said on Monday.

[China gets tough on environmental targets](#) (China Daily, 12/25/2013) China Wednesday promised to adopt "the strictest" environment and energy policies as it has lagged behind in terms of four binding environmental targets set for 2015.

[Agencies team up to improve smog forecasting](#) (China Daily, 12/26/2013) After Tianjin drivers were confused by traffic-restriction orders from local environmental and transportation bureaus during a succession of smoggy days early this week, the need for timely smog alerts and forecasts has become urgent, authorities said.

[China seeks solution for polluted lands](#) (China Daily, 12/30/2013) About 3.33 million hectares (8 million acres) of China's farmland is too polluted to grow crops, a government official said on Monday, highlighting the risk facing agriculture after three decades of rapid industrial growth.

[China's improved air standards cover more cities](#) (Xinhua, 12/31/2013) China's improved air quality monitoring standards will apply in more cities from Wednesday, the latest effort to combat air pollution.

[China targets cement, batteries, metals in anti-pollution push](#) (Business World, 01/02/2014) China will raise standards for the production of cement, batteries, leather and heavy metals as part of its efforts to cut air, water and soil pollution, the environment ministry said last Friday.