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OPINION

[Commentary: Fighting climate change is China's own will](#) (Xinhua, 02/17/2014) The world's two largest greenhouse gas emitters have finally come to an agreement on climate change. But China's motive in addressing the issue is not a response to U.S. pressure, but for its own benefit.

[Kevin Parker: China Will Set Pace Of Environmental Policy In 2014](#) (China Money Network, 02/24/2014) Parker shares his thoughts on the growth of sustainable investing, explains why China is setting the global environmental policy this year, and how China is likely to lower the cost of electric vehicle productions going forward.

[China's looming water crisis](#) (The Ecologist, 02/25/2014) One unintended consequence of China's spectacular economic growth is a growing water shortage, reports Joshua Bateman. As rivers run dry, aquifers sink, climate harshens and pollution spreads, he asks: can China solve its water crisis?

[China's leaders hope to create a new atmosphere](#) (The Age, 02/27/2014) This city is an exercise in control in early March each year. Tiananmen Square is closed to the public, security in the city centre is tightened, vagrants and illegal street vendors are cleared from view.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[Hunan to revitalize contaminated land](#) (China Daily, 02/17/2014) Provincial government team to study pollution from heavy metal industry. Hunan province, a major industrial hub, aims to rehabilitate polluted land in a green project drive to combat the effects of heavy metal contamination.

[17 more cement plants biting the dust](#) (China Daily, 02/18/2014) Work began in Shijiazhuang, Hebei province, on Monday on the demolition of another 17 cement factories, two months after the first batch of demolitions to improve air quality.

[More than 80% in China worried about environment](#) (China Daily, 02/20/2014) The environmental problems that Chinese people worry the most about are smog, water

pollution and heavy metal pollution, a survey led by the Environmental Protection Ministry revealed on Thursday.

[Week-long smog smothers north China](#) (CNTV, 02/21/2014) Chinese cities of Beijing, Tianjin and those in the surrounding areas are experiencing another round of heavy smog and pollution that is expected to persist for a week.

[First 'orange' pollution alert as smog rolls into Beijing](#) (Reuters, 02/21/2014) China's capital Beijing, under fire to take effective measures against air pollution, raised its four-tiered alert system to "orange" for the first time on Friday, as heavy smog was forecast to roll into the city over the next three days.

[Beijing cracking down on sources of stifling pollution](#) (The Seattle Times, 02/24/2014) Chinese authorities have pledged to shut polluting factories and limit the number of cars in response to growing public concern that dirty air is damaging people's health.

[Air pollution lowers sperm quality](#) (ABC Online, 02/25/2014) living in the city could be harming your fertility. That is the finding of a recent study published in the journal Environmental Pollution, which analysed semen samples from more than 1,300 men in China.

[Feature: Scholars share China's ecological efforts at U.S. conference](#) (People's Daily Online, 03/01/2014) "Not long ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed that we should never judge a cadre simply by the growth of gross domestic product (GDP). This is a very important change given China's political environment, which will greatly help turn the tide in favor of ecological civilization," Chinese scholar Zhihe Wang told over a thousand environmentalists Wednesday night at the University of Oregon

CORPORATE SECTOR

[St. Regis on the river](#) (China Daily, 02/17/2014) There are many elegant hotels in Tianjin, but only one has the advantage of a patio right on the banks of the Haihe River. Xu Lin visits the St. Regis and experiences life on the right bank.

[Chinese shoppers put value on environment in buying food](#) (China Daily, 02/17/2014) Consumers in emerging markets, like China and India, are paying much greater attention to aspects of imported food production such as environmental quality and animal welfare than previously thought, according to a New Zealand study out Monday.

[Chemists pioneer water-jet printing](#) (China Daily, 02/18/2014) Most people are familiar with ink-jet printing. But a team of chemists from Jilin University has attracted worldwide attention by inventing a water-jet printer.

[China To "Rate" Environmental Protection Efforts](#) (Mondaq News Alerts, 02/21/2014) As a "green" start to the new year, the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China ("MEP") announced on January 2 the introduction of a credit rating

scheme ("Scheme") that will measure a company's environmental protection efforts according to a designated standard. The Scheme is due to launch on March 1.

GOVERNMENT

[China outlines strategy for energy sector](#) (China Daily, 02/17/2014) China's leading think tank has outlined a revamped energy strategy highlighting new energy and calling for industrial transformation.

[Ministry reports air polluting companies](#) (China Daily, 02/21/2014) The Ministry of Environmental Protection on Friday blacklisted companies in the coastal city of Tianjin for breaking the air pollution rules.

[Beijing improves environment for 2014 APEC](#) (This is Beijing, 02/21/2014) Beijing will make great efforts to improve its environmental quality for the 2014 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting to be held in the city's Huairou District in autumn, according to a work plan on the capital city's urban environmental construction released on February 14, Chinanews.com reported.

[China's bad air brings new worries, inspections](#) (Fox News, 02/23/2014) China's environment ministry said Sunday that it had sent inspectors to Beijing and other areas of the country to inspect polluting industries and check construction sites amid a spell of severe air pollution.

[China to Share Pollution Data with Korea](#) (The Chosun Ilbo, 02/27/2014) China has at long last agreed to share about air pollution with Korea as toxic haze regularly drifts across to the peninsula.