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OPINION

[China Leads the World in Green Energy, Gaming, Gambling](#) (Value Walk, 06/07/2014)

Last month, Xian Liang, co-portfolio manager of our China Region Fund (USCOX), attended the 19th CLSA China Forum in Beijing. There he and hundreds of other global attendees were given the opportunity to meet with representatives from Chinese corporations, some of which U.S. Global owns. Xian also managed to get a sense of how the nation's recent changes in consumer behavior and governmental policy reforms might affect its investment outlook.

[Moving mountains wrecking havoc on environment in China](#) (Digital Journal, 06/09/2014)

As the old saying goes, "Where there's a will, there's a way." And this seems to be the tactic being used by one of China's biggest construction companies in their plan to level 700 mountains in preparation for the building of a new city.

[China today: Culprit, victim or last best hope for a global ecological civilisation?](#)

(Science Codex, 06/11/2014) China, from 2015 the world's biggest economy, is its worst polluter already now. It has not yet, but will be most probably climbing the top position also with regards the aggregate contribution to climate change (historical emission residues included), called the climate debt.

[Op-Ed: China faces major obstacles in going eco-friendly](#) (Digital Journal, 06/16/2014)

China must forge a new path and must take the role of being a model country if it wants to become an ecological civilization. China must find a different path from the industrialization in the West to build an ecological civilization and fully realize sustainable development, which concerns the future of the nation and the world.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

['Blue guards' shore up ocean conservation](#) (China Daily, 06/08/2014) In blue uniforms, a group of young people were busy picking up litter along the Dadonghai Bay in the southern Chinese city of Sanya as the coastal resort embraces the World Ocean Day on Sunday.

[China Officials Jailed for River Pollution](#) (CRJEnglish, 06/09/2014) Two former environment officials in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region were jailed on Monday for dereliction of duty in a river pollution case that happened last year.

[All People in China Need to Turn Into Smog Whistle-Blowers Is a Smartphone](#) (TakePart, 06/10/2014) Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. That's the message users of a new air quality-monitoring app will be sending to thousands of China's pollution-spewing factories. The groundbreaking app, which launched on Monday, provides real-time data on emissions levels in 190 cities.

[China official suggests "biting pencils" to blame for child lead poisoning](#) (Reuters, 06/16/2014) A Chinese official has suggested the biting of pencils as a possible explanation for excessive levels of lead found in children in a town in the south of the country located next to a chemical plant, state media reported on Monday.

[PM2.5 density drops in Beijing](#) (China.org.cn, 06/18/2014) Density of PM2.5, or particles smaller than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, has dropped 7.6 percent from previous year in Beijing-Tianjing-Hebei region in the first five months of 2014, China's Environment Minister Zhou Shengxian said Thursday.

[Scientists warn of tourism threat to Antarctica](#) (Tengrinews, 06/19/2014) Antarctic scientists warned Wednesday that a surge in tourists visiting the frozen continent was threatening its fragile environment and called for better protection, AFP reports.

[Chinese artist makes waves, and ice, to highlight environmental pollution](#) (Guardian, 06/19/2014) Yin Xiuzhen tells me that when her work Washing River debuted, onlookers in the southern Chinese city of Chengdu asked the artist if they could take her work home with them. Not for aesthetic reasons, mind you, but because the work consists of big blocks of ice – ice that could be used at home in the fridge.

CORPORATE SECTOR

[Chinese Environmental Group Develops Mobile App to Monitor Air Pollution](#) (Science World Report, 06/09/2014) In an attempt to step up whistleblowing efforts against polluting companies, the Beijing-based Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs developed a new mobile app that will monitor air quality data for 190 cities in China.

[AIR POLLUTION COMPLAINTS IN CHINA'S CAPITAL DOUBLES IN 5 MONTHS](#) (Auto World News, 06/16/2014) Complaints regarding air pollution in Beijing have doubled in the first five months of 2014, according to the city environment authority. The Beijing Municipal Environmental Bureau said on June 13 that 12,599 formal complaints about smog were lodged by members of the public from January to May.

GOVERNMENT

[China arrests 186 for environmental pollution in 2013](#) (People's Daily Online, 06/12/2014) China arrested 186 people on charges of environmental pollution in 2013 in a total of 109 cases, environment minister Zhou Shengxian announced on Thursday. He did not reveal how many were convicted. Environmental authorities shut down more than 3,500 companies and workshops in a nationwide campaign last year, uncovering 6,499 cases involving environmental problems, he said.

[Environmental graft targeted](#) (China Daily, 06/13/2014) Top prosecuting body gets tougher with officials who help in cover-ups. Authorities will severely punish government officials who abuse their power to cover up environmental crimes, the Supreme People's Procuratorate said on Thursday.