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OPINION

[China's Latest Food Scandal Highlights Weak Regulatory Environment](#) (Value Walk, 07/22/2014) An American owner of a Shanghai based meat supplier is scrambling to contain a scandal involving the sales of expired meat. So far it appears that many American restaurant chains in China are going to take a big hit. McDonald's Corporation (NYSE:MCD), Kentucky Fried Chicken, Burger King Worldwide Inc (NYSE:BKW), Pizza Hut and even Starbucks Corporation (NASDAQ:SBUX) are being swept up in the scandal.

[Xinhua Insight: China eyes quality development despite slower growth](#) (CCTV, 07/25/2014) As China shifts its focus to a more balanced development model, gross domestic product (GDP) growth is decelerating in many parts of the country. According to figures released by Hebei Provincial Bureau of Statistics (HPBS) on Wednesday, GDP growth of north China's Hebei Province in the first half of 2014 increased by 5.8 percent. But this was dwarfed by the 8.7 percent growth rate over the same period last year.

[China's new climate policy providing valuable lessons worldwide](#) (South China Morning Post, 07/28/2014) In what some might consider a surprising development, China - currently the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide - is emerging as a global leader in climate policy as it seeks to build a cleaner and more efficient economy. Indeed, China's efforts to curb pollution and environmental destruction, while shifting to a more sustainable growth model, can provide valuable lessons for governments worldwide.

[China needs to import more food to ease water, energy shortages: official](#) (Reuters, 07/28/2014) China should boost imports of food so it can dedicate more of its scarce water supplies to energy production, especially in arid but coal-rich regions like Xinjiang and Ningxia, a senior environmental official said on Monday.

[Why did this river in China turn red?](#) (The Washington Post, 07/29/2014) A few people that were up and about at 5 a.m. said that everything was normal but then suddenly within the space of a few minutes the water started turning darker and eventually was completely red.

[How will China deal with growing anger over pollution?](#) (Yahoo News, 08/01/2014) In Hong Kong, where pollution is so bad that the government frequently advises the elderly and very young to stay indoors, there is a bittersweet joke about why millions of visitors come from the Chinese mainland to visit. Ah, say the wags, they come to enjoy the environment.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[Qatar launches projects to protect wildlife in Xinjiang](#) (Gulf Times, 07/19/2014) Qatar is building two centres in the Xinjiang province of China to protect the environment and wildlife - one for the propagation of the Saker falcon (white and blond), and the other for breeding Asian Houbara bustard.

[Beijing closes coal-fired power plant to cut pollution](#) (Shanghai Daily, 07/23/2014) Beijing closed a large coal-fired power plant on Wednesday, replacing it with a gas-fired one to cut pollution. The Gaojing Thermal Power Plant, a subsidiary of the state-owned China Datang Corporation, shut down six coal-fired power generation units, according to the municipal development and reform commission.

[Environment 'priority' for nation](#) (ECNS, 07/23/2014) China remains a major driver for economic growth in Asia, but ecological and environmental issues still top the nation's major challenges, said Hamid Sharif, the Asian Development Bank's country director for China. The pace of the growth moderation in China conforms to the bank's expectations.

[92 children found to have lead poisoning in Hunan](#) (Global Post, 07/23/2014) Ninety-two children in central China's Hunan Province have excessive levels of lead in their blood, following a lead poisoning scandal exposed last month, local authorities said Wednesday.

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[Vietnam students to attend August Asian environment platform in China](#) (Tuoiitrenews, 07/25/2014) Sixteen students from the Vietnam National University-Hanoi will attend the 2014 Asian Students Environment Platform to be held in China from August 4 to 11. The Vietnamese students together with their peers from Japan, Korea, China and Malaysia will participate in activities under the theme of water and humans.

[Artists advocate for environmental protection](#) (ChinaDaily USA, 07/29/2014) Twenty-six young artists from the US and China showcased their original artwork on the importance of protecting the planet as part of an exhibit held at the United Nations in New York on Monday.

CORPORATE SECTOR

[Beef's environmental costs far outweigh poultry, pork](#) (Business Standard, 07/22/2014) Beef is by far the most costly protein when it comes to the environmental damage wreaked by feeding and raising cattle, according to a study out today. Beef requires 28 times more land than the average total needed to produce either dairy, eggs, poultry or pork, said the research in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

[China to roll out seven pilot markets for trading water rights](#) (Reuters, 07/24/2014) China has picked seven provinces to host pilot markets for trade in water rights, as the government battles a spreading water crisis that threatens to curtail economic growth and hurt food production.

[China, S. Korea to boost environmental cooperation](#) (Eco-Business, 07/29/2014) The International Energy Conservation Environmental Protection Association (IEEPA), a Beijing based NGO, signed a strategic cooperation agreement with South Korea's Daegu Science and Technology Park (DTP) at the South Korean Embassy in Beijing last week.

GOVERNMENT

[Overgrown Beijing slaps new limits on industry in bid to cut smog](#) (Yahoo News, 07/25/2014) China's overgrown and smog-hit capital Beijing has passed new rules banning the expansion of polluting and resource-intensive industries, the local government said on Friday.

[Top court to 'enrich' green tribunals](#) (China Daily USA, 07/25/2014) China's top court is considering including more professionals with backgrounds in law and the environment, as well as related training, after it set up tribunals specializing in hearing environmental disputes.

[China strengthens environment watch in auditing of officials' economic performance](#) (CCTV, 07/27/2014) Chinese authorities will focus on environmental protection, sci-tech innovation and improvement of people's livelihood when evaluating the performance of officials in fulfilling their economic responsibilities, a circular published on Sunday said.