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OPINION

[Western polluters are free riders in China](#) (Ecns, 08/22/2014) Just two days after US President Barack Obama called China a free rider in an interview with New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, US Secretary of State John Kerry, in his Asia policy speech at the East West Center in Hawaii last Wednesday, listed climate change a common cause for the two largest greenhouse gas emitters on the planet.

[In race for solar power, China is winning](#) (Christian Science Monitor, 08/25/2014) China is the world's top energy consumer, with the vast majority of its electricity coming from domestically-mined coal. But the Asian nation is cutting its dependence on coal, oil and natural gas and replacing it with solar at a breakneck pace.

[Big growth potential still in China](#) (Ecns, 08/25/2014) Over the past three decades, China has been at the center of global economic growth and excitement, especially as host of the spectacular Beijing Olympics and Shanghai World Expo.

[Climate hope in China coal turnaround: Ross Garnaut](#) (Sydney Morning Herald, 08/26/2014) The international goal of halting global warming at 2 degrees is now within reach because China has slowed the growth of its coal use, despite continuing to economically develop, climate policy expert Ross Garnaut says.

[Class action-type litigation in China](#) (Lexology, 08/26/2014) The framework for variants of class action-type litigation in the People's Republic of China has been in place since the initial promulgation of the Civil Procedure Law of the P.R.C. ("CPL") in 1991. The amended CPL provides requirements for filing a "joint litigation" for suits where "the object of the action is of the same category and a party consists of numerous persons" and where the parties may choose to elect a representative.

[The environmental impact of traditional Chinese religion](#) (China Post, 08/27/2014) In the thousands of years of its history, Chinese religion and culture have evolved and integrated to become what they are today: a tradition that is part of the daily life of a typical Chinese individual.

[An Environmental Law with Teeth](#) (CRIENGLISH, 08/27/2014) After the central government declared war on pollution, the legislative process churned out an amendment to the country's Environmental Law in April which determined that polluting enterprises could now face even harsher punishments if they choose to pollute their way to profit. The amendment also gives enforcement personnel the power to shut down heavy polluters if violators fail to comply with environmental regulations. But just because there are laws in place doesn't mean that the desired outcome will be achieved.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[China's air pollution worsens in July, highest in north](#) (Reuters, 08/19/2014) Air pollution across 74 major Chinese cities worsened in July compared to last year, according to government data released on Tuesday, showing that the government is having trouble shaking its smog problem.

[China's Pollution Crisis Inspires An Unsettling Art Exhibit](#) (WRVO Public Media, 08/23/2014) When 16,000 dead pigs floated down a river in Shanghai last year, it inspired a lot of questions about China's environmental conditions and a lot of disgust. Now, those pigs have helped inspire an arresting exhibit at Shanghai's contemporary art museum, the Power Station of Art.

[Air pollutants analyzed in north China amid battle against smog](#) (People's Daily Online, 08/24/2014) Beijing's neighbor Tianjin released its air pollutant analysis at the weekend, in which dust pollution was blamed as main cause of smog. About 100 kilometers away from China's capital, Tianjin is the second city to release the analysis of its fine particular matter, or PM 2.5.

[China relocates 5,000 people to protect cranes](#) (Shanghai Daily, 08/24/2014) More than 5,000 people are to be relocated in northeast China to protect a colony of red-crowned crane, a species with a population of only 2,000 in the world. The red-crowned crane is an important symbol in Chinese mythology, representing longevity and immortality.

[Chinese director becomes environmental activist after making documentary](#) (Ecns, 08/27/2014) A film that tells the story of the first major grassroots environmental movement in China was shown in San Francisco on Tuesday. Waking the Green Tiger, a documentary film by Canadian documentary filmmaker Gary Marcuse and Chinese documentary filmmaker Shi Lihong, is the recipient of the Best Canadian Feature Film Award, and a finalist for the Green Film Award.

[Chinese 'cancer village' scores rare victory over polluters](#) (Telegraph, 08/28/2014) Residents of a Chinese "cancer village" have scored a rare victory against one of the heavily polluting companies that has laid waste to their country's environment. The Fujian Solid Waste Disposal Company set up shop in Fujian province's Qingpuling village in 2000 and specialized in incinerating medical waste from Fuzhou, the regional capital.

CORPORATE SECTOR

[China considering \\$16 billion for electric-vehicle chargers](#) (Sydney Morning Herald, 08/27/2014) China is considering providing as much as 100 billion yuan (\$16.25 billion) in government funding to build electric-vehicle charging facilities and spur demand for clean cars, according to two people familiar with the matter.

[NF Energy Develops a New Solution to the Disposal of Landfill Leachate to Enter a New Market](#) (CNN Money, 08/27/2014) NF Energy Saving Corporation (NFEC) ("NF Energy" or the "Company"), a leading energy saving services and solutions provider for China's power, petrochemical, coal, metallurgy, construction, and municipal infrastructure development industries, today announced that the Company has developed a new solution to the disposal of landfill leachate. It has entered a new market in environmental protection.

[Foreign-funded enterprises will get more 'bonuses' in China](#) (People's Daily Online, 08/28/2014) To encourage foreign investment, the Chinese government is exempting foreign-funded enterprises from government approval for many proposals in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone.

GOVERNMENT

[Beijing to step up air quality control for APEC: report](#) (Xinhua, 08/16/2014) China will strengthen air pollution control in its capital Beijing during the APEC senior officials' meeting this month through stricter emergency actions in the event of a pollution warning, Saturday's China Daily reported.

[China's Shale Production Falls Short, but Goals Remain in Place](#) (Forbes, 08/19/2014) The head of China's National Energy Administration, the country's energy regulatory and planning agency, said that China has revised its 2020 forecasts for domestic shale gas production to 30 billion cubic meters per year, down from a previous target of 60 to 100 billion cubic meters. This revision acknowledges the complexity, and at times difficulty, involved in developing China's shale gas resources.

[China and Mongolia clash over how to exploit the Gobi desert](#) (The Conversation, 08/20/2014) The Gobi Desert in East Asia conjures images of a remote landscape, with nomads riding across the steppe. In fact, today it is home to herders and farmers, the world's fastest-growing economy, vast copper and gold mines and is China's main domestic energy source. The imagined expanses and agro-pastoral livelihoods exist alongside mountains of coal, modern cities, desert agriculture and environmental challenges to its viability and future well-being.

[China appeals WTO ruling on solar panel dispute with U.S.](#) (Reuters, 08/22/2014) China has appealed against a WTO dispute panel report on anti-dumping duties applied on certain Chinese products by the United States, the World Trade Organization (WTO) said on Friday.