

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHINA

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## OPINION

[Hu Jun: living and promoting a low-carbon life](#) (China.org, 10/14/2014) Born in 1945, Hu Jun is a retired teacher from Beijing Guang'an Middle School. Over the past ten years of his retirement, Hu has devoted himself to researching energy conservation and environmental protection, as well as to the promotion of a low-carbon life. He even turned his home into a low-carbon apartment with nearly 100 energy-saving technologies, 22 of which have been granted patents at the national level.

[The Chinese people care more about the environment than Americans do](#) (Grist, 10/17/2014) Those who oppose action on climate change in America are fond of complaining about how futile our own efforts to cut greenhouse gases are when China doesn't give a hoot about its own emissions. But a new poll finds that the Chinese people do want action to cut pollution — even more than we do in America.

[Uneaten food threatens China's environment](#) (Japan Times, 10/21/2014) The next time you wipe the uneaten remains of your dinner into a trash bin, pause a moment and think of China. Despite the fact that 11.5 percent of the mainland's population was undernourished between 2010 and 2012, Chinese still manage to waste more food than Americans on an annual basis.

[China's coal use falls for first time this century, analysis suggests](#) (The Guardian, 10/22/2014) The amount of coal being burned by China has fallen for the first time this century, according to an analysis of official statistics. China's booming coal in the last decade has been the major contributor to the fast-rising carbon emissions that drive climate change, making the first fall a significant moment.

[No quick solutions for smog problem](#) (China Daily, 10/22/2014) Abroad and at home, there is a rising chorus questioning the effectiveness of air pollution control in China, most recently from the thousands of runners who finished the Beijing Marathon in smog on Sunday. Still, officials and experts alike voiced their confidence about reining in air pollution, although they concede it will take time.

## RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[Feature: Italian experts see innovation as bridge to China](#) (Global Post, 10/10/2014) "It was not an odd choice, as many thought at that time, when we decided to go to China," Maurizio Boiocchi, General Manager at Italian company Pirelli, stressed at a conference held here on Thursday. It was in 2005 and Pirelli, one of the leading tyre manufacturers in the world, decided to open two factories in China's Shandong province.

[Gov't to protect Down Under's native wildlife from extinction](#) (China Post, 10/17/2014) Australia's Environment Minister Greg Hunt has pledged to end the extinction of native mammal species by 2020, with a focus on culprits such as feral cats. Hunt said Australia had the worst rate of mammal loss in the world and the nation's "greatest failure" in environmental policy was protecting threatened species.

[Environmental group vows to continue pushing nuclear referendum](#) (China Post, 10/17/2014) A local environmental group said Thursday that it will initiate a second referendum aimed at curbing nuclear power use in Taiwan following the rejection of its previous proposal by the Cabinet. Liu Chun-hsiu, chairman of the Taiwan Environmental Protection Union (TEPU), said that if allowed by the government's Referendum Review Committee the next vote will ask the question: "Do you support Taiwan Power Company's plan to extend the service life of the first nuclear power plant?"

[Rules to Tighten Clampdown on China's Green Violators](#) (CRJENGLISH, 10/21/2014) China's environmental regulators are moving to clarify their new environmental protection laws, which will take effect at the start of next year. A new set of interpretations of the impending legislation have been issued. They focus mostly on punishments for violators, including how much the fines will be and who can have their licenses suspended.

[China has nearly 60,000 centenarians](#) (IBNLive, 10/21/2014) A total of 58,789 centenarians are living in China, and the oldest is 128 years old, the Gerontological Society of China revealed on Tuesday. Three-quarters of the long-living people are women, and most of them are living in the countryside, Xinhua reported citing the society.

## **CORPORATE SECTOR**

[For Metals: The Prevailing Demand, Pricing Environment And Future Outlook](#) (Trefis, 10/20/2014) This year has been characterized by extreme volatility in the prices of both precious metals as well as metals used in industry. Broadly, metals have been characterized by subdued pricing environments this year and this has been reflected in the stock prices of companies in the metals and mining space. In this article we will take a closer look at the reasons for the prevailing demand and pricing environments for various metals, as well as the outlook for demand and pricing going forward.

[Panasonic Celebrates 35 Years in China](#) (Business Wire, 10/20/2014) On October 14, 2014 Panasonic Corporation of China celebrated 35 years in China in a celebration held at the China World Hotel Beijing. Approximately 300 government officials, partners,

guests and 100 members of the media attended this celebration. President Kazuhiro Tsuga of Panasonic Corporation expressed his appreciation for the guests' understanding and support of Panasonic's business activities in China, touching upon Panasonic's history in China, and also introducing our vision for the future.

[Novelis opens China facility to make automotive aluminum sheet](#) (Atlanta Business Chronicle, 10/21/2014) Novelis has opened what it says is China's first plant dedicated to the production of heat-treated aluminum automotive sheet. The opening makes Novelis, which is headquartered in Atlanta, the only company to produce automotive aluminum sheet in all three of the world's major automobile producing regions - Asia, Europe and North America, according to a press release issued by the company.

[Boeing, Chinese Firm to Turn 'Gutter Oil' into Jet Fuel](#) (Industry Week, 10/22/2014) Boeing (IW 500/13) has set up a facility with a Chinese firm to transform waste cooking oil -- the source of repeated food safety scandals -- into jet fuel, it said Wednesday. Boeing and the Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China (COMAC) will use a plant in the eastern city of Hangzhou to convert "gutter oil", a Chinese term for used cooking oil.

[China Hazardous Waste Treatment Market 2018 Forecasts](#) (PR Newswire UK, 10/23/2014) ReportsnReports.com adds Investment Prospect Analysis on Hazardous Waste Treatment Market in China, 2014-2018 research report of 65 pages to the energy and power category of its online market research reports library. In 2013, the total output of hazardous waste in China was 34.65 million tons, slightly dropped compared that of 2012 which was 34.9 million tons. This data are published by Environmental Protection Department, and they are just data declared by enterprises. However, this research report estimates that the actual output of hazardous waste in 2013 was 73 million tons.

## **GOVERNMENT**

[China Tries to Kick Its Coal Addiction](#) (The Diplomat, 10/15/2014) China will impose a new resource tax on coal of between 2 and 10 percent, China's Ministry of Finance and State Administration of Taxation announced on October 11. The new tax regime is part of broader efforts to reduce China's reliance on coal, which has taken a heavy toll on China's environment.

[China tightens up on corporate social responsibility](#) (Just-style, 10/16/2014) Experts on China's textile and apparel industry say that international brands must take increasing care to ensure their sourcing is environmentally and socially responsible, ahead of an anticipated tightening of government restrictions.

[China to punish carmakers who fail to meet fuel targets in 2015](#) (Reuters, 10/16/2014) China said on Thursday it would punish carmakers by restricting their production and publicly naming them if they fail to meet fuel consumption requirements on passenger vehicles set for 2015. Punitive measures outlined for offenders of the already-

announced fuel economy rules reflect Beijing's latest effort to fight pollution and promote more efficient use of energy.

[China tests outright logging ban in state forests](#) (The Guardian, 10/17/2014) China has launched a trial ban on commercial logging in state-owned forests in the vast north-eastern province of Heilongjiang bordering Russia, home to much of the country's timber industry. Forestry experts have hailed the ban as a major step forward, predicting it will enable timber supplies to recover and shift the industry's focus towards improved forestry management.

[China to shut factories during APEC to curb Beijing pollution](#) (Reuters, 10/25/2014) Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli ordered a temporary shutdown of factories to ensure air quality during a meeting of Asia-Pacific leaders in Beijing next month, the official Xinhua news agency reported late on Friday.