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OPINION

[Will U.S. companies be shut out of clean-tech markets by China and other competitors?](#) (*New York Times*, 3/4/2010) The United States must make long-term investments in clean energy development or risk being shut out of a \$2.3 trillion industry, a new report by a liberal think tank has found.

[Stanley Lubman: Strengthening enforcement of China's environmental protection laws](#) (*Wall Street Journal*, 3/22/2010) In the face of ongoing serious damage to China's environment caused by 30 years of historic economic development and weak enforcement of China's environmental protection laws, environmental litigation is growing and a small number of experimental environmental courts have been established. The growth of rights consciousness and citizen concern about the dangers of uncontrolled pollution has also stimulated

suits against polluters brought both by citizens and public interest environmental NGOs.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

Electric cars harm environment (Voxy, 3/26/2010) Despite their 'green' image, electric cars are often less efficient and more polluting than the petrol cars they replace, according to a major report released in Auckland today.

'Transplant tourism' causing international concern: experts (AFP, 3/25/2010) Moves to combat "transplant tourism", in which patients from rich countries pay large sums to have organ transplants in poor ones, are gaining pace, experts told an international conference.

Sandstorms due to cold: Experts (China Daily, 3/25/2010) The sandstorms that have swept across China over the past two weeks are the result of strong and frequent cold spells rather than desertification, according to leading meteorologists.

New bird fossil hints at more undiscovered Chinese treasures (Scientific Frontlines, 3/25/2010) The study of Mesozoic birds and the dinosaur-bird transition is one of the most exciting and vigorous fields in vertebrate paleontology today. A newly described bird from the Jehol Biota of northeast China suggests that scientists have only tapped a small proportion of the birds and dinosaurs that were living at that time, and that the rocks still have many secrets to reveal.

Asia pollution blows around globe due to monsoon (Reuters, 3/25/2010) The Asian monsoon spreads industrial pollution from China and India around the world by lofting it high into the atmosphere where it may affect the global climate, a study showed on Thursday.

China hit by new lead poisoning scare (AFP, 3/24/2010) Nearly 200 people have been diagnosed with excessive lead levels in their blood in an area of China which suffered a similar health scare last year, state media reported Wednesday.

China's sandstorms blast Beijing with dust, sand (AP, 3/23/2010) The dust works its way through keyholes and window frames, and smells like a filthy brew of dirt, smoke and metallic particles. The sky turns magenta and whole buildings disappear. Eyes tear up and throats get sore from coughing.

Intense pollution fouls Hong Kong air (CNN, 3/22/2010) Air pollution at or near record levels in Hong Kong on Monday was caused by a sandstorm from northern China, environmental officials said.

Pollution caused by sandstorms not serious: academics (Focus Taiwan, 3/22/2010) The public does not have to worry about the impact sandstorms from China have on air quality as Taiwan is less vulnerable to sandstorms than two of China's other

neighboring countries -- Japan and South Korea -- as upper-level air moves mostly westward, meteorologists say.

Bee sting therapy causing a buzz in China (*Reuters, 3/22/2010*) Being stung by a bee would have most people rushing to hospital, expect at one Beijing clinic where patients queue up to be pricked into good health.

More than 10,000 houses collapse as rainstorm and blizzard hit Xinjiang (*Xinhua, 3/22/2010*) More than 11,000 houses have collapsed in Yining County, the most seriously damaged area by blizzard and rainstorm in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, local authorities said Sunday.

Water pollution in China alarming (*CCTV, 3/22/2010*) Water pollution in China poses a huge threat to the development of a sustainable water management.

Statistics of a joint report from several Chinese universities show more than one third of the country's industrial waste water flows directly into rivers and lakes.

As China's pollution toll grows, protestors and media push back (*Environment 360, 3/18/2010*) In recent months, protests over the severe illnesses caused by China's heavy industries have resulted in a crackdown on polluters. Leading the charge has been the state-run media, which the central government is now using to gain control over corrupt local authorities and powerful commercial enterprises.

Middle class in big cities feels least happiness (*China Daily, 3/18/2010*) Middle class families in the most prosperous regions in China are finding the least happiness in life because of the high stress of daily life, a survey has found.

Traditional theory challenged after tea leaves found in famous Chinese tomb (*People's Daily, 3/18/2010*) Chinese archeologists have found remnants of tea leaves in tea sets unearthed from the family graveyard of the country's first known anthropologist, a man who lived 900 years ago.

CORPORATIONS

China overtakes U.S. in clean energy investment (*Cleantech Group, 3/25/2010*) The Pew Environment Group has released a report which shows that China's investments in clean energy have overcome the U.S. figures.

China consortium starts work on Myanmar hydroelectric project (*Dow Jones, 3/24/2010*) Chinese state-owned enterprises have set up a consortium to build a \$9 billion, 7.1-gigawatt hydropower station across Myanmar's Salween River, a Chinese government agency said on its Web site.

Inside China's garlic bubble (*Fortune, 3/24/2010*) Garlic has always been revered in China -- not so much for its overpowering bite but as an important ingredient in cuisine and related health benefits. The philosopher Confucius was so fond of the

pungent plant he even extolled its virtues in the *Shih Ching*, the oldest anthology of Chinese poetry.

China to build 28 more nuclear power reactors by 2020 (*BusinessWeek*, 3/23/2010)

China, the world's second-biggest energy user, approved the construction of 28 more nuclear power reactors under a revised target for 2020 to meet rising demand for clean energy and accelerate development of the industry.

IES Brings Low-Carbon Building Know-How to China with New Partnership and Participation at Green Building Conference (*Earth Times*, 3/24/2010)

Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES), a provider of integrated performance analysis software and consulting services for sustainable building design, is delighted to be bringing UK low-carbon building know-how to the Chinese market through a new partnership agreement with Deli Solar and a presence at the Intelligent Green and Energy Efficient Building Conference.

China's growth shifts the geopolitics of oil (*New York Times*, 3/19/2010) Last summer, [Saudi Arabia](#) put the final bolt in its largest [oil](#) expansion project ever, opening a new field capable of pumping 1.2 million barrels a day — more than the entire production of Texas. The field, called Khurais, was part of an ambitious \$60 billion program to increase the kingdom's production to meet growing energy needs.

China's economy faces the water margin (*Gulf News*, 3/18/2010) A decade ago, China's leaders gave the go-ahead to a colossal plan to bring more than 8 trillion gallons of water a year from the rivers of central China to the country's arid north. The project would have erected towering dams, built hundreds of miles of pipelines and tunnels, and created vast reservoirs with a price tag three times that of the giant Three Gorges Dam.

China cotton imports may jump 30% on planting cut (*Bloomberg*, 3/18/2010)

China, the world's biggest cotton importer, may increase purchases of the fiber 30 percent this year and drive up global prices as growers plant a smaller crop, a state-affiliated researcher said.

China drawing high-tech research from U.S. (*New York Times*, 3/17/2010) For years, many of [China](#)'s best and brightest left for the United States, where high-tech industry was more cutting-edge. But Mark R. Pinto is moving in the opposite direction.

GOVERNMENT

Land reclamation harms sea ecology (*China Daily*, 3/26/2010) Excessive land reclamation from the sea poses a growing threat to oceanic ecology and aggravates coastal pollution, a top administrator has warned.

China sends emergency food to drought-stricken provinces (*Guardian*, 3/25/2010)

China has sent 1.4m tonnes of emergency grain supplies to drought-stricken southern provinces that are struggling to cope with the worst drought in decades, the local media reported today.

Chinese delegation introduces Tibetan development to New Zealanders

(*Xinhua*, 3/25/2010) A Chinese National People's Congress delegation has updated New Zealand on the development of China's Tibet Autonomous Region during a visit to the Pacific island nation.

China to provide water data on dams (*Bangkok Post*, 3/25/2010) China has agreed to provide water level data from two dams in Yunnan province until the end of this year's drought in the lower Mekong River basin, Natural Resources and Environment Minister Suwit Khunkitti says.

Chinese vice premier in India for talks on agriculture, environment (*The Hindu*, 3/23/2010) Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu will arrive in New Delhi on Friday for talks with Indian officials on furthering co-operation between the two countries on a range of agricultural and environmental issues.

China's one-child policy little enforced and set to end (*MarketWatch*, 3/19/2010)

More than three decades after China formalized its one-child policy, the population-control program no longer applies to most Chinese and looks set to be abolished.

China orders crackdown on cooking oil over cancer link (*Agence France-Press* 3/19/2010) China's food safety watchdog has ordered inspections of cooking oil nationwide as reports Friday said up to one-tenth of Chinese supplies were illegally made and contained cancer-causing agents.

China says probing report on deadly faulty vaccines (*Reuters*, 3/18/2010) China's Health Ministry is probing a report in a domestic newspaper that faulty vaccines in northern Shanxi province were responsible for killing four children and making dozens of others sick.

China mulls plans for new moon rock lab (*MSNBC*, 3/16/2010) China is mulling plans for a facility to handle returning moon rock samples as part of a step-by-step plan to explore the lunar surface with robotic probes.