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OPINION

[David Frum: Is China heading for rural revolt?](#) (National Post, 4/24/2010)

"The world's factory floor," an American resident of China announced, pointing out the car window to a vast industrial landscape in south China. Between Shenzhen and Guangdong, here are made the routine goods of the modern economy. Here pour the children of China's poorer peasants. The dormitories may be crowded, the air filthy, the water unsafe, but the money is good. A capable worker can earn \$1 an hour at a factory bench or

on the construction site, maybe three times as much as can be gained from peasant labour on China's farms.

[China: why coal takes more than it gives](#) (Greepeace, 4/23/2010) China is the king of coal. It is the world's biggest producer and consumer - but this reliance on coal is costing the country dear. Because coal kills. From the miners who dig it, to the people who breathe in its fumes, to the skies that swallow immense clouds of carbon dioxide, heating the earth and causing climate change and rising sea levels, coal takes more than it gives.

[CNN accused of pushing China's one-child forced abortion policy on Earth Day](#) (LifeNews.com, 4/22/2010) CNN is facing accusations that a news story it wrote on Earth Day promotes the one-child policy in China that has resulted in forced abortions and sterilizations. The policy recently came under more criticism when a new campaign was launched in one city to forcibly sterilize 10,000 people.

[Green and Red don't mix: Reflections on Earth Day](#) (The Epoch Times, 4/22/2010) I write this on April 22—known before 1970 as Lenin's birthday and since then in America as "Earth Day." With each passing year, the irony of grafting environmental awareness on the birthday of communism's founder and examining the ecological records of his largest political heir (the Chinese Communist Party or CCP) grows more painful, more cynically amusing, and more impossible to ignore.

[Right time to rethink the policy on exports](#) (Xinhua, 4/22/2010) The Ministry of Commerce has released a report on China's foreign trade prospects, setting the goal of doubling its foreign trade volume by 2020.

[Is low carbon in our long-term interest?](#) (China Daily, 4/21/2010) Nationalists or radical nationalists tend to interpret what the United States or West is doing as a conspiracy to maintain their supremacy over developing countries.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[A fight to save Hong Kong's pink dolphins](#) (ABC News, 4/25/2010) The triangle of busy, brackish water that separates Hong Kong from the industrial belt of southern [China](#) seems an unlikely place to [look for rare wildlife](#). But every week conservationist Janet Walker brings tourists out among the tall ships and container terminals, the refineries and one of the

world's busiest airports, to get a glimpse of [some unique creatures](#): bubblegum-pink dolphins.

[Greenpeace China and unification demands](#) (Taipei Times, 4/24/2010) Greenpeace China is in the process of opening a Taiwan office. While saying that Greenpeace China will not issue opinions on political issues, a representative said the Taiwan office would be subordinate to the Chinese office and that one's position on Taiwanese independence would be a consideration when interviewing applicants.

[China' new dam seen as water hog](#) (USA Today, 4/22/2010) Wearing cloaks of tree bark strands, villagers from the Yi ethnic minority tend wheat terraces that cascade downhill toward the riverbank.

[Tree rings map 700 years of Asian monsoons](#) (Nature, 4/22/2010) Tree-ring data from more than 300 sites in Asia have allowed scientists to piece together a year-by-year history of the region's monsoon rains as far back as 1300 AD.

[Chinese actress wins UN environment award](#) (AFP, 4/22/2010) A popular Chinese actress was named one of the United Nations' "Champions of the Earth" on Thursday for her efforts to encourage people to live a more environmentally- friendly lifestyle.

[China could wipe out recycled toilet paper](#) (Wired, 4/22/2010) The paperless, global economy may have an unexpected downside for your backside: The reduction of high-quality white paper use may hurt the quality of the recycled toilet paper made from it.

[Volcanic ash to enter China around April 23](#) (People's Daily, 4/21/2010) The Meteorological Administration of Korea forecasted on April 18 that volcanic ash from the volcano in Iceland would affect northeastern China and North Korea on April 20. It has since adjusted its forecast.

[China clones woollier goats](#) (Straits Times, 4/21/2010) Scientists in China have cloned a dozen goats engineered with a gene that boosts wool growth, with a view to increasing output of cashmere fibre, state-run media reported on Wednesday.

[In China, one man crusades to help disabled people](#) (USA Today, 4/19/2010) The nighttime cry sounded like a stray cat. The cold morning light revealed a stray baby instead, wrapped in a quilt beside a bag of diapers and a packet of milk powder.

[Bad weather to cut fruit output greatly in Shannxi](#) (People's Daily, 4/19/2010) The inclement weather that hit Shannxi from April 11 to April 14

will cause a significant decline in fruit output in the northwestern Chinese province. Experts analyzed that the low temperature, snow, wind and frost seen last week will cut the output of fruits, such as apple and kiwi fruit, greatly.

[China's listed polluters made public](#) (Asia Times, 4/17/2010) Chinese citizens demanding a cleaner environment and more responsibility from industrialists who have rendered much of the country's water poisonous and air virtually unbreathable have taken their fight to Hong Kong and the city's stock exchange, where many mainland companies are listed.

CORPORATIONS

[China going green, but not to save the environment](#) (The Detroit News, 4/25/2010) Global and Chinese automakers are displaying nearly 100 electric cars and concepts at the Auto China 2010 show opening to the public this week amid growing expectations that alternative technologies will take hold quickly in China.

[Nissan plans to raise China factory capacity nearly 70% by 2010](#) (Blomberg, 4/23/2010) Nissan Motor Co., Japan's third- biggest carmaker, will raise production capacity by almost 70 percent in China even as it expects sales growth to slow.

[Gore blames U.S. for failure at climate summit, blowing deal with China](#) (Canadian Press, 4/23/2010) Former U.S. vice-president Al Gore says his country's lack of leadership on environmental change is partly to blame for the failure of last year's climate summit in Copenhagen.

[China recycling energy corp. announces additional \\$13 million raised for Erdos Power Generation Project Company](#) (PRNewswire, 4/21/2010) China Recycling Energy Corp. (Nasdaq: [CREG](#); "CREG" or "the Company"), a leading industrial waste-to-energy solution provider in China, today announced the second expansion of the Low Carbon Fortune-Energy Recycling No. 1 Collective Capital Trust Plan ("Second Expansion of the Plan") has been completed by Beijing International Trust Co., Ltd. ("Beijing Trust") on April 15, 2010.

[Research and Markets: An essential report analyzing nuclear energy](#) (Business Wire, 4/21/2010) As of 2008, the People's Republic of China (not including Taiwan) has 11 nuclear power reactors spread out over 4 separate sites. The People's Republic of China is also involved in the development of fusion reactors through its participation in the ITER project. China currently has 9,100 megawatts of nuclear capacity and has approved the construction of additional reactors to increase output to 25,400 megawatts. The country is expected to build around 22 reactors in the five years ending 2010 and projected to build 132 units after and has the most aggressive nuclear power expansion program in the world.

[China traders bristle at India ore ban](#) (DNA India, 4/21/2010) China's steel companies and iron ore traders are chafing against the recently announced ban on import of low-quality iron ore, which affects Indian exports, saying the objectives it ostensibly aims to serve are ill met by the ban.

[China controls rare metal used in hard drives](#) (Computer World, 4/19/2010) The U.S. has become almost completely dependent on China for rare earth metals, including neodymium, which is used in hard disk drive magnets, according to testimony at a congressional hearing last month.

[Henan's first electric vehicle charging station begins construction](#) (People's Daily, 4/19/2010) Henan's first charging station for electric vehicles recently began construction in Zhengzhou. This is the largest electric vehicle charging station under construction in China.

GOVERNMENT

[China demands fair treatment for crew](#) (The Australian, 4/16/2010) China has weighed into the Shen Neng 1 pollution debacle on the Great Barrier Reef, formally requesting fair treatment for two crewmen who appeared in court yesterday over the ship's grounding off central Queensland.

[Long-hated one-child rule may be eased in China](#) (AP, 4/25/2010) When asked why she and her husband don't want a second child, Shi Xiaomei smiles at her pudgy 9-year-old son and does a quick tally of the family budget.

[The 2 Biggest Carbon Emitters find common ground in clean energy technology](#) (New York Times, 4/23/2010) America's relationship with China may be a swinging pendulum, but energy cooperation between the two

greenhouse gas-spewing giants appears to be on a steady track, Energy Department officials and others familiar with the programs say.

[China blasts rubbish dumps with deodorant](#) (Sky News Online, 4/23/2010) Beijing is waging war against the stench of its growing rubbish tips by using giant deodorant sprays to cover the smell as the warmer weather causes more waste to rot.

[China in Oz-farm move](#) (The Weekly Times, 4/23/2010) China may set up large pork and chicken operations in Australia as it strives to keep up a burgeoning demand for meat among Chinese consumers.

[Guangzhou studying light pollution fees](#) (China Daily, 4/22/2010) The provincial capital of South China's Guangdong province is expected to take the lead in collecting light pollution fees in the country.

[China' new dam seen as water hog](#) (USA Today, 4/22/2010) Wearing cloaks of tree bark strands, villagers from the Yi ethnic minority tend wheat terraces that cascade downhill toward the riverbank.

[China building ambitious "Solar Valley City" to advance solar industry](#) (Americans for Energy Leadership, 4/22/2010) China is building an ambitious "Solar Valley City" as a new national center for manufacturing, research and development, education, and tourism around solar energy technologies. as part of the Chinese government and industry's efforts to promote clean energy technology and grow the nation's global market share (see video below beginning at 10 seconds).

[S China province pilots organ donation system](#) (People's Daily, 4/21/2010) South China's Guangdong Province is establishing a pilot system to regulate human organ donation, distribution and management, provincial authorities said Wednesday.

[China's efforts to tackle climate change in last decade](#) (Xinhua, 4/21/2010) The 40th World Earth Day falls on Thursday this year, with a theme of "climate change - the mother of all environmental and community issues."

[After Chinese coal carrier disaster, Australia toughening up shipping laws](#) (Treehugger, 4/21/2010) We've been watching the drama unfold around the Chinese coal-carrying ship that grounded on the Great Barrier Reef, causing damage to the fragile ecosystem that could take decades to heal. Two of the [crew members have been arrested](#) by the Australian government and we're waiting to find out if a fine and/or jail sentence will be issued. However, the incident sparked more than arrest. Australia is now tightening up its shipping regulations so that the incident - which is damaging to both the reef and to Australia's lucrative tourist trade.

[In latest quake, poorly built schools haunt government – again](#) (IPS, 4/19/2010) Collapsed buildings, homes turned to rubble, students killed or trapped in the wreckage of schools and dormitories – last week's 7.1-magnitude earthquake in western China's remote Qinghai province offered chilling reminders of the Sichuan earthquake that killed almost 90,000 people in 2008.

[Xi'an to invest 12b to rebuild ancient walls](#) (China Daily, 4/19/2010) The city of Xi'an, capital of Northwest China's Shaanxi province, planned to invest about 12 billion yuan (\$1.76 billion) in rebuilding its ancient walls and adding four new museums, the Xinhua News Agency reported Monday.

[Eco-tourism city to come up in quake-hit Yushu](#) (IANS, 4/19/2010) An eco-tourism city will be built in Yushu in China's Qinghai province, devastated by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake, a media report said Monday.

[China may allow bigger, faster electric bikes](#) (Bloomberg, 4/19/2010) The China Bicycle Association said the government may allow electric bicycles to be faster and heavier, reversing an earlier plan to enforce limits. Demand for the bikes has helped drive a 52 percent gain in lead prices over the past year.