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OPINION

[Can China's eco-cities bridge fantasy with reality?](#) (NATGEO, 6/23/2010) Within a day of visiting China's cities, you will probably wake to a sore throat from air pollution. That night when you shower, you may be surprised to see how much dirt washes off of you. After a few days, you may find yourself fantasizing about catching a glimpse of blue through the murky sky line. It won't be long before you start wondering how life might have been had things gone differently.

[Let's talk about biotech](#) (China Dialogue, 6/24/2010) Scientists need to better engage with public concerns over food safety, says Jia Hepeng, who believes communication is the key to resolving China's conflict over genetically modified crops.

[Strength through adversity](#) (ChinaDialogue, 6/21/2010) Joint efforts in climate-change security could help build greater trust and understanding between China and the United States, argues Michael Davidson.

[China's energy grab is no green affair](#) (Forbes, 6/17/2010) During President Obama's [Oval Office address](#) to the nation on the subject of the BP oil spill, the chief executive pointed to China as a leader in clean energy investment in hopes of urging Congress to enact legislation that would encourage the U.S. to expand its own green energy spending. While the president has the right to call for more green investment, his reference to the role of green energy in China told only a very tiny and self-serving part of the story.

PUBLIC SECTOR/NGOs

[China's public health whitewash](#) (Guardian, 6/23/2010) Pretend it didn't happen. That's apparently the strategy of the Chinese government, the World Health Organisation, and the International Olympic Committee toward China's melamine [milk contamination scandal](#) during the Beijing Olympics.

[Giant green algae slick heads toward China](#) (AFP, 6/23/2010) A massive floating expanse of green algae is heading towards China's east coast, potentially threatening wildlife and the region's tourist industry, state media reported on Tuesday.

[Chinese journalist says environmental courage needed](#) (Deutsche Welle, 6/23/2010) Liu Jianqiang is an environmental journalist whose bilingual activism and investigation brings debate about Chinese issues to the Anglophone world. Deutsche Welle asked him about the challenges of his work.

[Rains burst levee in Southern China, 88,000 flee](#) (CBS News, 6/22/2010) Torrential rains burst a dike in southern China, sending 88,000 people fleeing their homes and prompting China's top leaders to call Tuesday for stepped-up rescue operations.

[Environmental cost of shark finning is getting attention in Hong Kong](#) (New York Times, 6/20/2010) When Christine and Constant Tang, both avid scuba divers, got married in 2003, they did something unusual: They did not serve shark's fin soup at their wedding reception in Hong Kong.

[China's Tianjin may be first APEC low-carbon city](#) (Bloomberg, 6/19/2010) Asia-Pacific nations will establish as many as 20 low-carbon model cities to test new technology including smart grids and renewable-power generation as part of efforts to reduce pollution and dependence on crude oil.

CORPORATIONS

[China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group to form joint venture with Plasco Energy](#) (COMTEX, 6/24/2010) China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP), a Chinese state-owned company engaged in the fields of energy conservation, emission reduction and environment protection, has signed an agreement with Plasco Energy Group, Inc., a Canada-based waste conversion and energy generation company, to form a joint venture (JV) CECEP-Plasco China Corp.

[Encana and China National Petroleum Corporation look to jointly develop Canadian unconventional natural gas](#) (MarketWatch, 6/24/2010) Encana Corporation (TSX & NYSE: ECA) and China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) today signed a memorandum of understanding, formally called a Heads of Agreement, that outlines a framework for the two companies to negotiate a potential joint-venture investment in the development of certain lands in Encana's natural gas plays in Horn River, Greater Sierra (Jean Marie formation) and Cutbank Ridge (Montney formation) in northeast British Columbia.

[China debuts first oil recovery vessel to deal with offshore oil spillage](#) (Xinhua, 6/23/2010) China's first oil recovery vessel to deal with offshore oil spillage has made its maiden voyage in Tianjin on Tuesday to start its environmental protection mission in the country's waters.

[iPhone 4 and Apple's silence on pollution in China](#) (Guardian, 6/23/2010) Apple has whipped up a storm of anticipation for its new iPhone, which goes on sale in the UK tomorrow, but it's been silent on questions about the phone's environmental impact in China, says Ma Jun.

[BP, Chevron agree deal for China offshore block-sources](#) (Wall Street Journal, 6/23/2010) BP Plc (BP) is teaming up with Chevron Corp. (CVX) in bidding for a South China Sea exploration block, a person familiar with the matter said, signaling that the U.K. major's failure to stop a leaking Gulf of Mexico oil well isn't deterring rival producers from choosing it as a partner in deepwater projects.

[China, US equally attractive to renewable energy investors](#) (Earth and Industry, 6/23/2010) In Ernst & Young's most recent *Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Indices*, China gained two points and the US lost on to put them in a dead tie for most attractive place to invest in renewable energy.

[Tax relief time for strained manufacturers](#) (Caixin, 6/22/2010) For now, at least, company promises to raise wages have quieted some of the headline-grabbing labor unrest that erupted recently at major manufacturers including Foxconn and a Honda plant in Nanhai, Guangdong Province.

GOVERNMENT

[China to send pregnant pandas into semi-wild areas](#) (AFP, 6/24/2010) Researchers in China plan to send pregnant pandas bred in captivity into the semi-wilderness in an effort to introduce their cubs to a natural environment, state media said Thursday.

[China's contradictory energy measures](#) (Financial Times, 6/24/2010) China is [talking up](#) its efforts to reduce its energy intensity (the amount of energy used per unit of GDP) as it looks like it could [miss its targets](#) for the 2005 - 2010 period.

[China to close 7,000 small coal miners by 2015](#) (Energy China Forum, 6/24/2010) China aims to shut down as many as 7,000 small coal miners by 2015, according to a draft government document obtained by Chinese media on Tuesday.

[China plans tighter oversight of offshore oil drilling, tougher laws, after Gulf Oil spill](#) (CP, 6/24/2010) China's leaders have ordered oil companies to beef up safety precautions for offshore oil drilling to prevent calamities similar to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, warning of "increasing risks" from aging equipment and weak rescue capabilities.

[China says Pak nuclear deal legal](#) (Hindustan Times, 6/24/2010) China on Thursday said its proposed two new nuclear reactors for Pakistan are “totally consistent” with its international obligations and safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

[China's new continent](#) (Time, 6/24/2010) If you want to see what's wrong with Africa, take a trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The size of Western Europe, with almost no paved roads, Congo is the sucking vortex where Africa's heart should be. Independent Congo gave the world Mobutu Sese Seko, who for 32 years impoverished his people while traveling the world in a chartered Concorde. His death in 1997 ushered in a civil war that killed 5.4 million people and unleashed a hurricane of rape on tens of thousands more. Today AIDS and malaria are epidemic. Congo, then, is not a place you'd normally associate with a yuppie.

[China, World Water Council pledge closer cooperation](#) (Xinhua, 6/23/2010) Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu and visiting World Water Council (WWC) president Loic Fauchon vowed to enhance cooperation on water resources Wednesday at a meeting in Beijing. Fauchon was in China to attend a conference of the WWC and the WWC Pavilion Day at the Shanghai World Expo.

[China to cut production of chopsticks in environment bid](#) (Sify, 6/23/2010) China will limit production of disposable chopsticks in a bid to protect the environment, the government said. Currently, some 45 billion pairs of chopsticks, equivalent to 25 million fully grown trees, are produced annually, adversely impacting the environment.

[Angolan Environment minister visits China](#) (Angop, 6/23/2010) The Angolan Environment minister, Maria de Fátima Monteiro Jardim, is paying an official visit to the People's Republic of China.

[Beijing extends scrap-incentives for polluting cars](#) (Bloomberg, 6/23/2010) The city of Beijing extended subsidies for disposal of high-emission vehicles to the end of the year as it seeks to reduce pollution in China's capital.

[China conserves its water resources using ERDAS MACHINE](#) (GISLounge.com, 6/22/2010) The Ministry of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China recently announced a project that uses ERDAS IMAGINE to facilitate conserving and protecting China's water resources.

[China's Tangshan city continues building its own green districts](#) (Channel News Asia, 6/22/2010) Tangshan is an industrial city in northern China, known for its rich mineral resources. Now, with the central government's

drive to become more environmentally conscious, Tangshan city has joined in by creating its own green districts.

[China to adopt inter-provincial approach to air pollution prevention](#) (Xinhua, 6/21/2010) Chinese provinces and municipalities in regions with heavy air pollution are to team up to combat air pollution, under a new national strategy. The State Council announced the new strategy Monday in a circular that outlines specific measures and target regions.

[China to double natural gas share of energy basket to 8% by 2015](#) (Platts, 6/21/2010) China plans to double the natural gas share of its total energy consumption basket from the current 4% to 8% by 2015, a source close to the country's National Energy Administration said Monday.

[China Environment Ministry to pay close attention to Daya Bay](#) (Bloomberg, 6/16/2010) China's Environment Ministry said it is paying close attention to the small leakage from a fuel rod last month at the Daya Bay nuclear power station.