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News Scan

Global Governance and Ecological Civilization



China nurtures greener growth

April 30th, Xinhua News - While skies are clearer during the epidemic amid subdued human activities, China is determined to keep the tint of blue on the dome as it propels economic recovery while paving the way for long-term growth. The limited and temporary impact from the epidemic won't affect China's long-term momentum toward improving the ecological environment, said Cheng Huiqiang, deputy secretary-general of the China Development Research Foundation. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Green Urbanization and Environment Improvement



Rule to tackle sewage in Yangtze

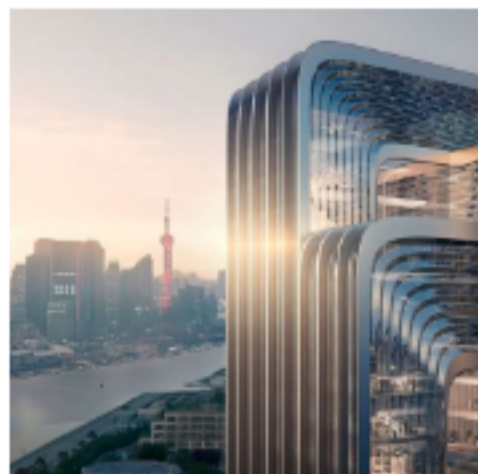
May 6th, China Daily - To remediate damage to the Yangtze River, China is turning to a more market-based mechanism for sewage disposal in the Yangtze River Economic Belt that will lead those producing heavier pollution to pay a higher price, according to a recent guideline. The guideline, published by five central government bodies including the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, aims to tap the potential of price leverage to ramp up prevention and control of water pollution in the belt, according to an NDRC news release. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



China resumes construction of 107 major water conservancy projects

April 28th, CGTN - China has resumed construction of major water conservancy projects for water conservation and supply amid its further containment of the COVID-19 epidemic, according to the Ministry of Water Resources. Construction has resumed so far on 107 of the 110 major water conservancy projects, accounting for 97.3 percent of total number of the projects, except three which temporarily lack the conditions of work resumption for special reasons. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Innovation, Sustainable Production and Consumption



ZHA picked to design 'greenest building in Shanghai'

May 4th, Energy Digital - Zaha Hadid Architects (ZHA) has been chosen to build the CECEP's new smart building headquarters located in Shanghai. Currently the largest energy conservation and environmental protection organisation operating in China, the China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP) is dedicated to building a comprehensive industry chain based on clean energy. In keeping with its renewable energy and eco-friendly objectives, the CECEP headquarters will be a bastion of modern technology. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Remote sensing applied to estimate lake clarity in China

April 27th, PHY.org - Remote sensing could be an effective tool to monitor SD of inland waters by monitoring the water leaving radiance. Remote sensing derived water clarity has been reported in many regions with specific models established for different satellite overpasses concurrent with in situ measured SD, but national water clarity remained unknown in China. A recent study led by Prof. Song Kaishan from the Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, quantified the water clarity for lakes in China using Landsat OLI imagery data for the first time. [FULL ARTICLE](#)



Starbucks rolls out plant-based options at Chinese stores

April 21st, China Daily - Starbucks joined hands with plant-based innovators Beyond Meat, Inc and Oatly to launch new plant-based choices in its stores in China, in an effort to attract consumers interested in new lifestyles that are good for the planet. The new products are part of the "Starbucks GOOD GOOD" movement, featuring a new plant-based food and beverage menu, compo-stable packaging for food items and merchandise made from recycled materials. [FULL ARTICLE](#)

Green Energy, Investment and Trade



Renewables 'drive green bond demand' in emerging markets

May 6th, ReNews - Demand for green bonds in emerging markets rose by 21% to \$52bn (€54bn) in 2019, with renewables making up the largest sector for use of proceeds, according to a new report co-authored by the World Bank. China continues to lead emerging market green bond growth, while east Asia and the Pacific region is responsible for 81% of the market, said the report. [FULL ARTICLE](#)