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## ISSUE BRIEF

### IN FOCUS THIS WEEK: China's Struggle for Resources November 2, 2005

*As Asia's major powers intensify their quest for energy security, this will have significant geopolitical and economic implications for the region and for the U.S. Asia's energy choices ultimately have the potential to fuel regional tensions or to enhance regional cooperation.*

National Bureau of Asian Research, Asian Energy Security Program

- China is a relative newcomer to the world oil market, and it does not have well established historic supply links. China's arrival as the second largest consumer of oil coincides with a tight global supply-demand situation. This unprecedented dependence on imports of petroleum has added a new strategic imperative to Beijing's security planning. It has led Chinese companies into ventures aimed at establishing supply arrangements with countries having the potential to develop new oil reserves. It has concluded deals, or is attempting to do so, in a number of countries, including Iran, Venezuela, Nigeria, San Tome, Angola, and Sudan. CRS Report RL33093, September 15, 2005
- [The power shortage] started in 2001 is a nationwide phenomenon with varied degrees of impact on different regions. Statistics show 24 provincial regions in China were forced to ration power supply in 2004. *Xinhua News Agency, October 3, 2005*
- Chinese energy strategy is no longer a regional approach. Its parameters have expanded into an international context, with China's pursuit of energy resources surpassing geographic boundaries and ideological barriers. *The Sino-Japanese Pipeline Struggle, ATimes.com, Richard Giragosian*
- China needs resources to feed its rapidly expanding economy, but it does not have sufficient oil, natural gas, aluminum, copper, or iron to satisfy its energy and manufacturing needs. To meet domestic industrial needs and consumer demand, China has pursued investments and agreements with such oil producers as Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, and even Mexico. *Balancing China's Growing Influence in Latin America, The Heritage Foundation, October 24, 2005*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Twenty years ago, China was East Asia's largest oil exporter. Now it is the world's second-largest importer.

Foreign Affairs  
September/October 2005

Last year, China alone accounted for 31% of global growth in oil demand.

Foreign Affairs  
September/October 2005

### IN THE NEWS

Asia Times Online  
*The Sino-Japanese pipeline struggle*

By Richard Giragosian  
October 18, 2005

Foreign Affairs  
*China's Search for Stability With America*

Wang Jisi  
September/October 2005

### RECOMMENDED READING

The Heritage Foundation  
*Balancing China's Growing Influence in Latin America*

Stephen Johnson  
October 24, 2005

YaleGlobal Online  
*Central Asia's Energy Game Intensifies*

Stephen Blank  
EurasiaNet, September 2, 2005



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## UPCOMING CAUCUS EVENTS

<b>THURSDAY</b> November 3 11:00 am 2216 Rayburn	Caucus meeting with the members of the U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission
January 2006	Roundtable discussion with Admiral Mike Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations, regarding China's Naval Expansion and Shipbuilding Plan

## ABOUT THE CAUCUS

The Congressional China Caucus is a bipartisan forum for Members of Congress who share a common interest in the emergence of China as a political, economic and military actor on both the regional and global stage. The Caucus will take a critical look at a number of issues including: Military, Economy/Trade, Intellectual Property, Energy/Resources, and Human Rights/Religious Freedom.

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