

China, US In Joint Energy Audit Of Chinese Factories

China and the United States have agreed to a joint study tracking the Chinese industrial sector's energy consumption patterns, part of the two governments' efforts to boost energy efficiency. According to the *China Daily*, the world's top two energy users signed a memorandum of understanding to conduct a joint audit of up to 12 facilities in energy-intensive sectors. The US Department of Energy will then do a comparison study of these Chinese plants with American manufacturers to identify the best ways to save energy and cut greenhouse gas emissions. The report does not say when the program will start. China's industrial sector consumes some 70 per cent of the country's energy needs.

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