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Green shift, digitalization to step up in energy sector

China's oil & gas industry ushers in the 15th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) with green and digital upgrades. 2025 saw record outputs: 216 million tons of crude, 261.9 billion cubic meter gas. During the 14th Plan period annual exploration investment was 387 billion yuan (\$ 55.06 billion), +48% year-on-year. 2026 prioritizes AI integration, low-carbon hubs and global cooperation. **(China Daily)**

The 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030) releases oil and gas import tax incentives

The Ministry of Finance, the General Administration of Customs, and the State Administration of Taxation issued a notice exempting imported equipment, instruments, spare parts and special tools for Sino-foreign offshore oil and gas projects from import duties and VAT, if the goods are domestically unavailable or underperforming and for direct operational use (including contracted technical data). **(Sina Finance)**

China's 2026 natural gas supply and demand will be loose, with possible tight balance periods

Driven by economic recovery and energy transition, China's natural gas consumption is expected to grow significantly in 2026 to 440 billion cubic meters, up over 3% year-on-year. In terms of consumption structure, power generation will be the core growth driver, with gas use reaching approximately 82 billion cubic meters, growing over 5% annually. **(China Petroleum News Center)**

Qingxi Gas Storage of Zhongyuan Oilfield has extracted over 200 million cubic meters of gas

As of February 24, the Qingxi Gas Storage Facility, Sinopec's first gas storage facility in Southwest China, has achieved 1618 consecutive days of safe production, with a cumulative gas extraction volume of 209.53 million cubic meters. This provides a solid guarantee for the winter gas supply to 3 million households in Dazhou, Sichuan, Chongqing, and surrounding areas. **(Sinopec News)**

Zhuxi enters the era of pipeline natural gas transmission

On the morning of February 9, the Shiyang-Zhuxi natural gas long-distance pipeline, a key energy infrastructure project in Shiyang City, was fully completed and officially put into operation. The Shiyang-Zhuxi natural gas long-distance pipeline project passes through Fang County, Zhushan County, and Zhuxi County. The pipeline is 198 kilometers long and has a designed gas transmission capacity of 300 million cubic meters per year. **(Sohu)**