

G20 MEETS; ENCOURAGES GREENING OF FINANCIAL SYSTEM

G20 members acknowledge importance of green financial system at summit

The G20 leaders discussed the importance of "greening the financial system" when they met last week in China, culminating in the release of a "[Green Finance Synthesis Report](#)"

that examines the necessity and challenges of developing green finance. (See [Statement](#), clause 21).

Meanwhile, The US and China agreed to [ratify](#) the Paris Agreement and pledge support, alongside Europe, to a global aviation emissions pact.

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@SICMGMT TWEET OF THE WEEK

 Looks like this is happening: Responsible investment group may toss firms for lack of effort <http://reut.rs/29wKDu9> via @Reuters @PRI_News

CHART OF THE WEEK

China reduces coal capacity; prices set to surge



Source: [Bloomberg](#)

SUPER TYPHOONS ON THE RISE

Typhoons – the most destructive categories of tropical storms – are becoming more intense and increasing as much as four-fold in frequency in Asia because of climate change, according to [new research](#) by US-based

scientists. Typhoons are making increasing landfall in several countries, including Vietnam, Philippines, Korea, and Japan, and have become 12 per cent to 15 per cent more intense since the mid 1970s. [READ MORE](#)

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THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

2017

is the date by which the UK Government intends to ban microbeads used in cosmetics and cleaning products

600

mosques in Morocco are to be fitted with solar panels by early 2019

284

billion US dollars are invested in ESG assets as of 30 June 2016

25

million children are being targeted for polio vaccination in parts of Nigeria

25

million are at risk from malaria for those living near dams, by 2080

6

countries have electric car sales above 1% of the new car market

5

percent increase in 2015 greenhouse emissions from the Netherlands has been reported

1

billion oysters are to be distributed around 100 acres of reefs around New York harbor

EARLY ANTIBIOTIC USE LINKED TO RISE IN ALLERGIES

Recent research out of Utrecht University suggests a [link between early antibiotic use and allergies](#), but the results have been inconsistent. Researchers noted that antibiotics most likely disrupted the body's immune system

by impacting microbes in the gut, which can negatively affect immune responses. The study specifically suggested a link between antibiotics and hay fever and eczema.

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POLLUTION: FURTHER RESEARCH MAKES FOR DEPRESSING READING

A new study found a link between toxic nanoparticles from air pollution and Alzheimer's disease. "This is a discovery finding, and now what should start is a whole new examination of this as a potentially very important environmental risk factor for

Alzheimer's disease," said Prof Barbara Maher, at Lancaster University, who led the new research. "Now there is a reason to go on and do the epidemiology and the toxicity testing, because these particles are so prolific and people are exposed to them." [READ MORE](#)

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Scientists have extracted ice from the French Alps – some of the world's most rapidly retreating glacier– and shipped it to Antarctica. There they will store it to "protect the scientific clues - contained in its frozen bubbles - about our planet's past climate and atmosphere"

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