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Reuters News Agency <http://www.reuters.com/places/china>

All-round news source for China, especially for business, economics and politics. The articles headed “Insight” are particularly useful.

The Diplomat <http://thediplomat.com/>

A current affairs magazine for the Asia Pacific region

China File <http://www.chinafile.com>

Online magazine run by the Center for US-China Relations and the Asia Society, edited by Orville Schell, big-name analysts. Also includes good links to other major China stories on the web.

China Policy Institute Blog <http://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/chinapolicyinstitute/>

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