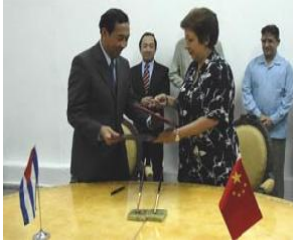




## Weekly China Briefing

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The Chinese government donated US\$ 1 million to Cuba to help in the recovery effort from

the damage caused by two major hurricanes that recently struck the island. [Read More](#)

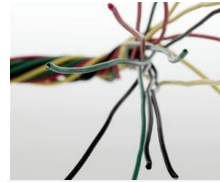
**China delivers aid of heavy oil to DPRK** China has delivered the first shipment of 50, 000 tons of heavy oil aid it pledged to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the rest is being sourced, said Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu. [Read More](#)



### Zambia agrees US\$ 170 million funding for housing projects

Zambia has agreed financing deals totalling US\$ 170 million with selected

Chinese firms, European and African lenders to build houses in key mining towns and famed tourist city. [Read More](#)



### Fibre lead submarine cable ready

The first phase of the Trans-Pacific Express submarine cable system, an

11, 000 mile fibre lead-based underwater connection linking mainland China, South Korea, the US and Taiwan is ready for service. [Read More](#)

### Peabody Energy signs agreement to advance major mine and coal conversion project in China

Peabody Energy has entered into an agreement with the government of China's Inner Mongolia region and other Chinese partners to explore development opportunities for a large surface mine and downstream coal gasification facility. [Read More](#)



### China says lessons to be learned from milk scandal

The Chinese President Hu Jintao says lessons must be learned from the toxic milk scandal since four babies have died and more than 50,

000 infants needed medical treatment this month after consuming tainted Chinese products. [Read More](#)

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