
PREFACE

This report, part of a multiyear project on “Chinese Defense Modernization and Its Implications for the U.S. Air Force,” examines China’s growing energy needs and the measures that China is taking to address those needs. It describes the domestic political and economic dynamics behind those measures.

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