

Anti-China media holds up China-Myanmar pipeline

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Wang Yilin, Chairman of China National Petroleum Corp, and Myanmar's Ambassador to China Thit Linn Ohn, representing their respective sides signed the "China-Myanmar Crude Oil Transfer Pipeline Agreement" on the afternoon of April 10. The pipeline began its official operation at Madaya Island that evening. This reflects the fact that China will develop a long-term relationship with Myanmar for the transmission of oil. It will no doubt be completely favourable to China's future development and will gain even more optimistic economic benefits.

The overall length of the China Myanmar pipeline is 770km. Construction was started in June 2010. Its starting point is on the western Myanmar coast at Madaya Island. Continuing into China it goes through Yunnan Province. The project was finally completely finished after 5 years of efforts. CNPC's oil and gas pipeline is China's largest project in Myanmar. However, its progress was held up because of the dissemination of a lot of false information to Myanmar by anti-China media with ulterior motives. This created a great deal of misunderstanding for the people of Myanmar and they opposed the opening of the pipeline. But the people's apprehensions were eliminated through the joint efforts of the Chinese and Myanmar governments to explain and consider the issues.

The pipeline connects China with the Indian Ocean. Previously, oil imported from the Middle East had to be transported through the Malacca Straits. The security of sending oil through a pipeline is now far greater than by sea and can guarantee the stability of China's energy supply. At the same time it greatly reduces the transport distance and increases its efficiency, bringing to an end the long-standing period of China having to import oil from the Middle East via the Strait of Malacca.

It is planned for the pipeline to transport 22 million tonnes of oil annually. It was constructed jointly by CNPC and Myanmar oil and gas enterprise. China and Myanmar invested 50.9% and 49.1% respectively. CNPC S.C. Asia Pipeline Co said that the pipeline would help alleviate the problem of oil supply shortages in Southern China.

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