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## ESG Country Updates

## Singapore

- Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) has launched the SME Sustainability Hub, a new website designed to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) navigate and access government sustainability support programmes and resources. The resources include details on financial schemes and programmes, training and development courses to support companies in their sustainability journey. This initiative can support SMEs with being equipped with the necessary skills and information to adopt sustainable practices.
- Mitsubishi has joined Acen, GenZero and Keppel in exploring the early retirement of a 246MW coal-fired power plant in the Philippines and replace its generation output with clean energy, with the use of high-integrity transition credits backed by the MAS. Transition credits aim to monetise emissions savings from the early closure of coal plants. Revenue would come from the sale of high-integrity carbon credits to companies or governments. The early retirement of the coal plant by 2030, ahead of its scheduled closure in 2040, is expected to reduce 19mn tonnes of emissions. Transition credits, albeit nascent, may help to bridge the gap in revenue from the coal plant's early retirement by funding the revenue loss and costs of replacing coal power for renewable energy. The initiative, if successful, can be a model for similar initiatives and accelerate Southeast Asia's energy transition as the region is heavily reliant on coal.

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## Indonesia

- Vietnamese electric vehicle (EV) charging station developer V-Green announced that it will co-invest a total of US\$300 mn with four partners to deploy charging facilities exclusively for VinFast EVs in Indonesia. Indonesian vehicle distributor Amarta Group, Vietnamese multiservice EV charging station developer ChargePoint and construction firm CVS have each committed to distributing charging ports and investing about US\$5.3 mn annually. In addition, Chinese EV charger developer Chargecore plans to invest a minimum of US\$30 mn in 2025. They aim to roll out about 63,000 charging ports and 50,000 stations in Indonesia, bolstering the country's EV ecosystem.

## Rest of the world

- The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), a research division of the U.S. Department of Energy that focuses on energy sources like wind and solar, had laid off 114 employees due to federal budget cuts, stop-work orders and new directives. This reflects the broader trend of workforce cuts across the Department of Energy under the Trump administration, as it continues to boost fossil fuels and scale back on clean energy technologies that will reduce the role of the US in global climate action.



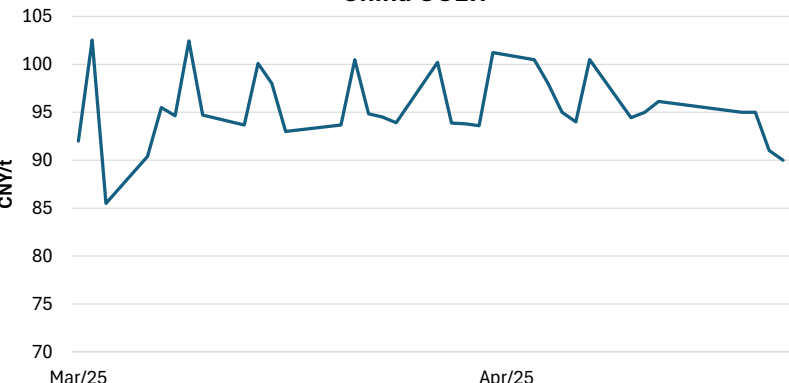
- Japan, China, South Korea and all 10 ASEAN countries agreed to enhance their regional financial safety net by launching a new lending facility aimed at responding to crises caused by pandemics and natural disasters. They have agreed to establish the new facility under their currency swap arrangement known as the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM), which was designed to support regional financial stability by allowing members to tap currency swap lines. The CMIM pool currently amounts to US\$240 bn in foreign exchange reserves, with Japan and China each contributing US\$76.8 bn, South Korea US\$38.4 bn and the 10 ASEAN countries a combined US\$48 bn. This can enable members to access emergency financing without conditions, in the event of sudden shocks from financial or natural crises.

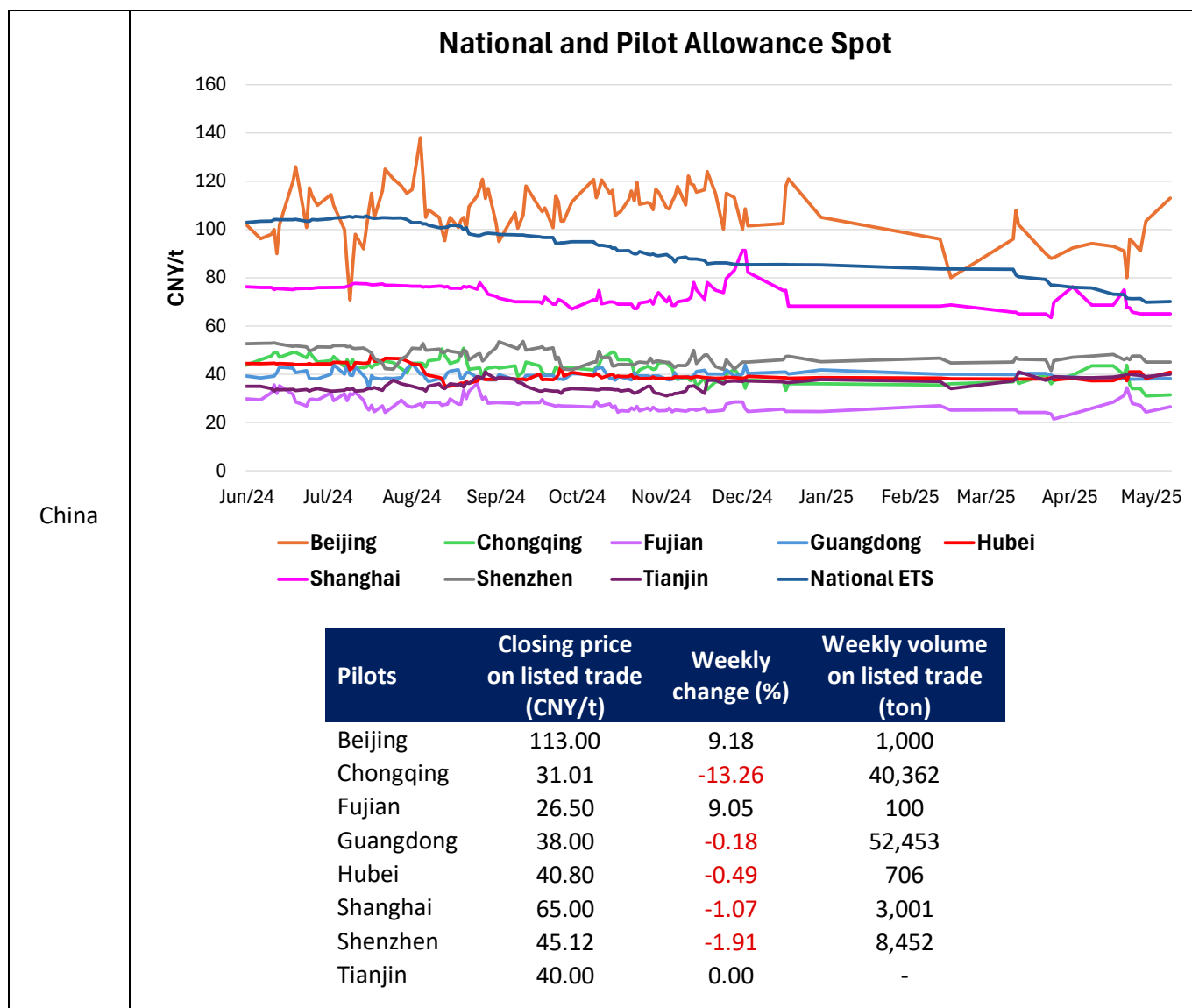
### **Special Coverage: Progress in Article 6.2 collaborations and government support**

- Carbon market developments and collaborations are progressing, despite the economic uncertainties arising from the Trump administration's tariffs and other geopolitical developments. The EDB and TT Foundation Advisors have launched a fund to support companies in performing early-stage carbon project development and financing activities that could generate high-quality Article 6 carbon credits. This aims to bridge the financing gaps in scaling up carbon markets by mobilising more capital to support projects that need high upfront costs.
- The fund will unlock capital from family offices and foundations for projects that generate high-integrity Article 6 carbon credits under EDB's Carbon Project Development Grant. S\$20mn has since been secured to co-fund the development of high-quality carbon projects, with the Carbon Project Development Grant awarded to three project developers i.e. 3Degrees, Climate Bridge and The Nature Conservancy. These project developers plan to develop a pipeline of high-integrity Article 6 carbon projects across Southeast Asia and beyond.
- On bilateral carbon credit initiatives, Singapore and Rwanda signed an implementation agreement to cooperate on carbon credits, the sixth such agreement that Singapore has signed since end 2023. Other countries that Singapore has signed implementation agreements with are Papua New Guinea, Ghana, Bhutan, Peru and Chile. It is also progressing in carbon trading negotiations with more than 15 other countries, including Malaysia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. Singapore had earlier estimated that it would use high-quality carbon credits to offset about 2.5 mn tonnes of emissions annually from 2021 to 2030. These are positive developments towards building a more robust and collaborative carbon ecosystem.

## Carbon Markets: Weekly Overview

ETS Markets	Price	Weekly change	Week high	Week low
EU ETS (EUR/ton)	70.39	2.4%	71.06	67.47
China ETS (CNY/ton)	69.86	-4.3%	72.99	69.86

Market	Commentary	
EU	<p>EU ETS prices increased by 2.4% despite sustained selling pressure last week. Lower temperatures and limited wind resources were partially offset by the rising availability of solar power.</p>	<p><b>EU ETS</b></p> 
China	<p><b>National ETS:</b> China ETS prices fell by 4.3% and closed at CNY 69.86/t. Traded volume fell by 31.25% from the previous week, due to a significant drop in OTC trading.</p> <p><b>China Certified Emission Reduction:</b> The national CCER market price and volume were slightly lower last week, with a price range of CNY 90 – 95/t. The demand for CCERs remains high and sellers are still expecting higher prices.</p> <p><b>Pilot ETSS:</b> The pilot ETSS saw an increase of about 10.97% in volume last week. The highest volume was in the Guangdong pilot ETS that reached 52,453 tons.</p>	<p><b>China ETS</b></p>  <p><b>China CCER</b></p> 



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