

Could a new solar power plant feed China's coastal cities?

Far off the coast of Shandong, a new kind of power plant is quietly feeding China's coastal cities. A vast field of solar panels, fixed to steel trusses in shallow water, has become the world's first gigawatt scale open sea photovoltaic farm and a test bed for how to run a modern grid on weather dependent power.

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What is the world's largest open sea solar photovoltaic project?

A separate report describes how China has commissioned the world's largest open sea offshore solar photovoltaic project, a 1 gigawatt installation that is already being compared with typical onshore installations in terms of cost and performance, according to January 25 coverage.

What is China's first gigawatt-level offshore photovoltaic project?

Multiple reports describe it as China's first gigawatt level offshore photovoltaic project and currently the largest open sea solar installation in the world, with China's first gigawatt-level offshore plant now covering a significant share of Kenli District's total electricity demand.

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