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# Urban Transport Trends and Policies in China and India: Impacts of Rapid Economic Growth

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social and environmental costs of motor vehicle use. At the same time, much stricter regulations should be imposed on manufacturers to produce cleaner, more energy-efficient, quieter, and safer cars, motorcycles, buses, and trucks. Mitigating the many social and environmental impacts of rising motorization is obviously important for the future well-being of Chinese and Indian cities. It is also crucial for the future of the rest of the world. Unless the problems of motorization in China and India can be effectively dealt with, the world faces sharp increases in greenhouse gases, accelerating climate change, and rapid depletion of a range of non-renewable resources.

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1. Population numbers of the Chinese cities cited in this article are lower than those reported in official Chinese statistics. The extensive rural populations within the official administrative boundaries of each city have been excluded, so that the population figures used here include only urban residents. The urban populations cited in this article include both officially registered urban residents and the estimated number of unofficial residents, those without a residence permit (Hukou), referred to in China as the 'floating population'.



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