



China to Hold Solar Decathlon Competition in 2013

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They say that imitation is one of the best forms of flattery, so it is exciting to hear that [China](#) will hold its own [Solar Decathlon](#) competition in 2013. The Chinese event was announced last week after the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Department of Energy, China's National Energy Administration, Peking University, and Applied Materials. "I hope the competition will inspire a lot of Chinese college students to open up their minds and build their careers in developing innovative technologies and practices in [renewable energy](#) and building energy efficiency," [said](#) Yu Pingrong, research professor and director of the Center of Solar Energy at Peking University. This latest news follows hot on the heels of the Solar Decathlon's announcement that [this year's competition will not take place on the National Mall](#).

Students still remain in limbo until the organization decides where the 2011 competition will be held.

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Note: The image is a mock-up of what the author envisions the Solar Decathlon would look like