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## CHINA STARTS RECEIVING OIL THROUGH PIPELINE FROM KAZAKHSTAN

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Energy-hungry China has started receiving crude oil through a cross-border pipeline from oil-rich Kazakhstan, meeting the communist giant's need for a stable and sustainable mode of supply.

The crude oil arrived at the Alataw Pass in northwest China's Xinjiang, after a 1,800-kilometre "trudge" early this week, media reports here said.

China has readied the Alataw Pass-Dushanzi crude oil pipeline within the country to receive transmitted oil. Experts indicate that this means that Kazakhstan will start to supply oil to China this May, marking the beginning of the age of China's oil supply through trans-frontier land-way pipelines.

The Sino-Kazakhstan oil pipeline starts from Atyrau, a coastal city in Kazakhstan, in the west and finally reaches Dushanzi Petrochemical Company Ltd. In China's Xinjiang, with the whole length exceeding 3,000 kilometres.

Only half of the recent 10 million tonnes of crude oil will come from Kazakhstan and the other half will be provided by Russia, director of the China Energy Strategy Research Institute, Xia Yishan was quoted as saying by China News Service.

This pipeline indicates the strong energy cooperation relationship among China, Kazakhstan and Russia, Xia said.

In terms of specific functions of this oil pipeline, he said it is conducive to China's strategy of diversified oil supply.