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environmental and health related incidents, including toxic wastewater in Yancheng and elevated blood lead levels in children.
