

How many Chinese solar PV companies are there?

Analysis of 20 of the leading Chinese solar PV companies shows 343 offices in 70 countries around the world (Fig. 3). While the highest number of offices are devoted to sales and service support, subsidiaries serve a variety of functions to include manufacturing, investment holding, operations and maintenance, and project construction. Fig. 3.

Why did China promote the solar PV industry?

The solar PV industry (as well as wind power) was supported and promoted with the explicit aim to create a leader in the global renewable energy market and to export equipment made in China to the promising solar markets in Europe and in USA. China's government wanted to take its export-oriented, "factory of the world" economy to the next level.

Where are Chinese solar PV manufacturers located?

Three-quarters of Chinese overseas solar PV manufacturing capacity is concentrated in the Southeast Asian countries of Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam, but other countries such as India and Turkey are becoming increasingly attractive to manufacturers due to the proximity to emerging solar markets.

Is China a leader in solar energy technology?

Over the past 20 years China has emerged as the world leader in solar energy technology. At the end of 2019, China's total installed capacity of solar PV power made up 204 GW of energy.

How do solar PV companies benefit from government support?

Similar to other industrial sectors, solar PV companies have benefited directly and indirectly from government support, including subsidies, reduced energy and land prices, access to capital, and research funding, which gave them a significant competitive advantage in the global market (Gang, 2015; Zhang & Gallagher, 2016).

Why do solar companies invest in R&D?

Therefore, leading solar companies started to engage in their own R&D to upgrade product and production. Today, one of about four wafers in the world are produced by Longi Green Energy Technology Co., making it the world's largest producer of solar wafers.

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There does seem to be growing awareness among Chinese state-owned enterprises in expanding their involvement in renewable energy industries; for example, Shenhua, the largest coal company in the world, has been partnering with wind and solar companies, and its 2017 merger with Guodian Corporation has diversified

its portfolio. In fact, it is ...

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Government investment into solar panel producers, subsidies, and access to government bank credit helped Chinese solar companies such as Longi, Suntech, Trinasolar, and more develop into leaders of the global solar market. Collectively, they control at least 60% of global capacity for every step in the solar power supply chain. That being said, the government ...

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