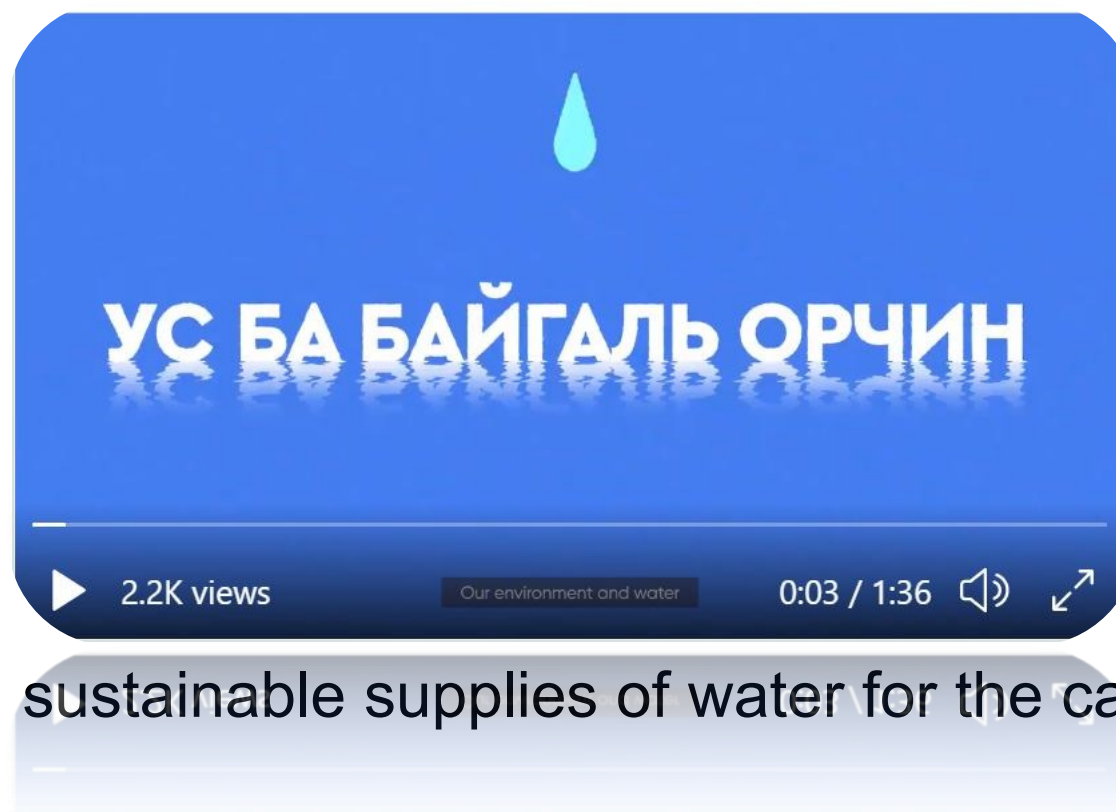




“Anyone who can solve the problems of water will be worthy of two Nobel Prizes –one for peace and one for science.” — John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States

U.S. EMBASSY AND THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION RELEASE A VIDEO SERIES ON THE WATER AND WATER SECTOR



On World Water Day, the Embassy of the United States in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) launched a video series to raise awareness and improve social behavior regarding the water and water sector. The first video in the series is about the importance of fresh water in the environment and can be found on the Embassy's and MCA-Mongolia's social media channels and websites. The next videos in the series will be released until Earth Day which is on April 22nd, 2021.

The MCC and the Embassy of the U.S in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and the Government of Mongolia are working together to implement water supply projects to address the problem of limited long-term sustainable supplies of water for the capital city, Ulaanbaatar under the \$350 million second Millennium Challenge Compact.

[Source: U.S Embassy in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia](#)

NEW CENTRAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATES IN 2024



On March 26, 2021, the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development provided information on current issues in the sector. According to the Ministry, construction work of wastewater treatment facilities, funded by a soft loan from the Asian Development Bank, in Darkhan-Uul, Arkhangai, Uvurkhangai, Umnugovi, Dornogovi, Bulgan, Khuvsgul, Dundgovi, Khentii and Sukhbaatar aimags is 80 percent complete. Wastewater treatment plants in Arkhangai, Uvurkhangai, and Bulgan aimags have been completed, and the rest is scheduled to be operational within this year.

New Central Wastewater Plant in Ulaanbaatar city will be commissioned in 2024.

In addition, a new tender has been announced for the construction of a sewage treatment plant in Uvs, Bayan-Ulgii, Dornod, Zavkhan, and Govisumber aimag centers with a soft loan from the Republic of Poland.

A total of MNT 34.6 billion water and sewage fees will be paid for 740.2 thousand households and 23.4 thousand business entities by the government in cooperation with the WSRC from December 2020 to March 2021 within the framework of the Government's decision to support households and businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Source: Ministry of Construction and Urban Development](#)

SANITATION FACILITY RELATED PROBLEMS IN SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS AND DORMITORIES TO BE SOLVED



On March 25, 2021, three Ministers of Education and Science, Environment and Tourism, and Construction and Urban Development met with women members of Parliament to discuss the construction of modern sanitation facilities, eliminating traditional pit latrines in provincial schools, kindergartens, and dormitories. It is decided that the Erdenet state-owned enterprise is going to renovate the wooden toilets in state-owned schools, kindergartens, and dormitories with modern toilets as part of its social responsibility.

As of today, there are 819 schools, kindergartens, and dormitories in 330 slums of 21 aimags have wooden toilets nationwide, seven of which are in Ulaanbaatar.

The members exchanged views on the major issues related to the renovation of pit latrines, such as local water sufficiency, electricity, operating costs, and infrastructure.

Studies of technological solutions and location for the construction of modern toilets began after a joint working group from the three ministries had presented the issues discussed at the meeting to the Party Group on March 29, 2021.

[Source: Ministry of Environment and Tourism](#)

WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTATIONS TO PROMOTE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WATER SECTOR SPECIALISTS FROM DIFFERENT GENERATIONS TO BE ORGANIZED

On the occasion of World Water Day, a meeting of the Board of the Mongolian Irrigators Association was held. At the meeting, it was decided to renew the members of the Board of Directors of the Association with 13 members with the titles of Honored Consulting Engineer, Ph.D., Doctor, Master, and Certified Engineer who represent different generations. The meeting also discussed intensifying the activities of the association in the main areas such as strengthening communication between generations of water sector professionals, improving the information exchange, organizing trainings and workshops, actively participating in reform of sector norms and standards, conducting research and studies, supporting activities of local professional organizations, and supporting private sector organizations and experts.

[Source: Mongolia's Water Sector Facebook page](#)