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WASH HANDS



WEAR MASK



KEEP DISTANCE



WATER NEWS IN BRIEF



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"MCA-MONGOLIA HOLDS A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON DRAFT "INDUSTRIAL PRE-TREATMENT PLAN"



The Millennium Challenge Account-Mongolia (MCA-Mongolia) successfully held a series of meetings on November 3, 6, 10, 2020 at the "Consensus" hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia to discuss the draft Industrial Pre-Treatment Plan (IPP) among representatives of key stakeholders including, the relevant ministries, agencies and other organizations, including private enterprises, relevant NGOs and research and development institutes, and incorporate their recommendations and feedback into the plan, which is being developed as one of the conditions precedent to the Compact's entry-into-force. More than 100 representatives from over 50 organizations and provided constructive feedbacks on the draft plan. Many participants and

organizations expressed their willingness to actively take part in implementation of the plan, successful implementation of which will reduce pollution in wastewater discharged from a total of 284 USUG contracted enterprises in Ulaanbaatar into the central wastewater collection network and further to the natural waterways after treated. The proposals and feedbacks from the series of discussions will be reflected in the draft "Industrial Pre-Treatment Plan" and will be submitted to the Government for approval. *Source: MCA-Mongolia*

GER AREA WATER KIOSKS OPERATE NORMALLY



The Minister of Mongolia and the Chief Cabinet Secretary L.Oyun-Erdene along with the Minister of Construction and Urban Development B.Munkhbaatar worked at Ulaanbaatar Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (USUG) and the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant to check and ensure their normal operations, including ger area water kiosks operations, and how the infection control regime is adhered to during the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. The head of USUG Ts.Turkhuu informed that during these days when the whole nation is on high alert and under the strict lockdown, water supply and sewerage system operates normally, and there has been no failure and problem with any water pumps and equipment during the delivery of water services. He also noted

that all workers on duty are provided with safety protection gears, including protective clothing, masks and gloves, and the USUG has a reserve of protective equipment enough for one month use. The USUG extracts 150-160 thousand m3 of freshwater and distribute it to over one million people and 4500 enterprises, and receives and treats 160-170 thousand m3 of wastewater on a daily basis. *Source: Government of Mongolia /https://zasag.mn/news/view/25577/*

MONGOLIA AND HUNGARY TO COLLABORATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS



The President of Mongolia Kh.Battulga had an online meeting with the Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on the occasion of 70 years of diplomatic relationship between Mongolia and Hungary. During the meeting, parties discussed issues related to bilateral cooperation in politics, economics, agriculture, culture, and education fields, as well as Covid-19 pandemic situation. They also exchanged views on water issues, including water resources management and agreed to strengthen cooperation in water sector, especially on the construction of hydroelectric power plants in 10 provinces of Mongolia. President Kh.Battulga expressed concern about the water scarcity issues in Gobi region caused by desertification due to the climate change. On a related

note, Hungarian scientists conducted water resources researches between 1970's and 1980's in Mongolia. *Source: /https://president.mn/16792/?fbclid=IwAR1Q3j69c0tve6fkqqjLGmOkZrS5iu_YgW8H2FkE06KI2Jc8wQkfPfqxjJl#mobile/*

B.BAT-ERDENE: CITIZENS MUST UNDERSTAND HOW THE HEAT AND WATER GET TO HOUSEHOLDS



"...People or consumers usually have a common understanding that they should only pay for the amount of water they use. However, there is a question of who pays for the costs of services and water system operations and maintenance. Even if there is no base fee separately written on the bill and the cost will directly be tied to metering instead, then still the same amount will be charged. Citizens must understand how the heat and water comes to households and what are the cost of each steps of the water services' delivery process. (Head of Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection of Mongolia B.Bat-Erdene) *Source: isee.mn /http://isee.mn/n/15001?fbclid=IwAR1lph1WzbbjocYtqV_n33U8OxokHsOp5SVLNfGhgS9ITWoYnRDGkyCVMfQ/*

"SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK" ONLINE EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Singapore International Water Week, a international biennial event to share and co-create innovative water solutions this year is



been held online first time on November 18 and 19, 2020. The year's event is focusing on **urban water management** and include webinars on a wide range of topics, such as water reuse and its future trends (11:00am to 12:00pm, Nov 18, 2020), digital transition in water utilities (9:15am to 10:45am, Nov 18, 2020), and adaptation and mitigations in age of climate change (5:00pm to 6:30pm, Nov 18, 2020), as well as an expo of technologies

and solutions to water issues. More information and registration is available on the official website of the event free of charge (<https://www.siww.com.sg/>). *Source: https://www.siww.com.sg/*