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Mongolian People's Party strategy to prevent water shortage



Regarding the local election held last week, Mongolian People's Party highlighted their plan to address water-related issues during the campaign and disseminated an article named "Mongolian People's Party strategy to prevent water shortage" through the main news websites. Water Supply Project under the Mongolia Water Compact, including the construction of new wellfields, AWPP and Wastewater Recycling Plant was mentioned as a part of MPP's Action Plan for the local election. *Source: https://ikon.mn/n/20bl*

D.Basandorj: 60% of water we use is flushed down the toilet



"Up to now, we have had a system that draws clean water from the source and dumped the used water out as waste. 60% of water we use is flushed down the toilet. Assuming each person uses 200 liters of water, 140 liters of water is used only for the toilet and flushed down the toilet, which means 13 liters of water per flush. Water is still undervalued in Mongolia and there is still no effective and proper legal environment and policies for water conservation, but there has only been empty rhetoric for water conservation and almost nothing is happened in practice" said, Head of Water Research Institute, Ph.D D.Basandorj in his interview with MONTSAME agency. *Source: https://montsame.mn/mn/read/239214*

The development status of the Groundwater control and management portal was introduced



World Bank 2030 Water Resources Group presented the development status of the Groundwater control and management portal that is being developed upon on MET request to the Water Authority, a Government Implementing Agency. During the meeting, parties exchanged views on further steps for the portal development and other issues. *Source: Official Facebook page of Water Authority*

MET plan for upcoming 1000 days



On the occasion of the 100th day of newly-formed government, Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) presented its main achievements in the period in a video format. A part of the video highlighted MET Plan for upcoming 1000 days, including works on water sector. Plan on water includes works to conduct ecosystem pollution risk study in Lake Khuvsgul, which holds over 70% of total fresh water resource of Mongolia, and organize cleaning up the submerged vehicles in the lake in cooperation with international organizations, implement Integrated Water Resources Management to prevent further pollution and shortage of water, fully resolve clean water supply issue in the capital city, and introduce wastewater recycling and reuse for industrial purposes. MET also includes plan to take 55 percent of fresh water resources of land damaged by mining operations. *Source: Official Facebook page of MET*

A training on Law on Water Pollution Fees is organized

General Department of National Taxation in cooperation with Water Authority organized a training on Law on Water Pollutions Fees for tax officers. During the training, respective specialists from Water Authority and General Department of National Taxation presented on different topics, such as Payers' Registration of Water Pollution Fees and Receipt of Payment Reports as well as fulfilment of plan on Water pollution fee collection. *Source: Official Facebook page of Water Authority*

News in Brief

- ⇒ The Deputy Minister of Mining and Heavy Industry O.Batnairamdal received results of the hydroeconomic analysis of water supply and demand in mining and heavy industry region in South Gobi province from the World Bank's 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG). The analysis was done by 2030 WRG. Source: Official Facebook page of Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry
- ⇒ "Noos Ireedui" LLC, a wool-washing company started recycling and reusing its wastewater. Source: (http://www.etv.mn/?p=15262)

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