



## US AMBASSADOR MICHAEL S. KLECHESKI: THE MONGOLIA WATER COMPACT WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND RESILIENCE CLIMATE CHANGE



The Ministry of Environment and Tourism has organized a virtual campaign “Climate week” under the theme “Climate is changing. Are we?” to provide information nationwide, beginning on May 17th, 2021. The campaign was joined by Mr. Michael S. Klecheski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to Mongolia. He highlighted the major projects and programs being implemented in Mongolia for sustainable and clean development and expressed his active cooperation in mitigating climate change in the future. He noted that the Mongolia Water Compact, being implemented with a \$ 350 million grant from the United States Millennium Challenge Corporation, will play an important role in enhancing sustainability and resilience to climate change. The United States' accession to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change on February 19, 2021, is crucial to achieving the goal of reducing global greenhouse gas emissions, and the country has set a goal of "zeroing" greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

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

## JOINT INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION OF 8000 HA SITE DAMAGED BY MINING

The “Rehabilitation-2024” joint measure is being implemented and 8,000 hectares of land damaged by mining are being rehabilitated nationwide. Implementation of the “Regulation on Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining” approved by Government Resolution No. 151 of 2017 has been insufficient. Hence, illegal mining of minerals without a license or contract under the name of “artisanal mining partnership” using mining machines and mechanisms took place. Narangiin Gol, Buyant, Yalbag, Khoriloo, and Khushuut rivers were diverted, illegal construction of canals, ditches, and pipelines caused large areas of land destroyed and left without rehabilitation. Therefore, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism is working to stop illegal mining activities under the guise of artisanal and small-scale mining communities and enforce rehabilitation.

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

## D.SUMYABAZAR: LAND OWNERSHIP OF 19 BUSINESS ENTITIES ALONG THE TUUL RIVER WILL BE DISCONTINUED



The Governor of the Capital City and the Mayor of Ulaanbaatar D.Sumyabazar visited the 17th khoroo of Khan-Uul district to solve the issue of allocated land along the banks of the Tuul River and endangered willows of the Tuul River in the name of construction. The land has been allocated to 22 companies along the northern bank of the Tuul River since 2008. 19 landowners out of 22 have not yet started construction, and some construction companies are dumping large amounts of gravel on willows at night, said A. Enkhmanlai, the head of the city's land management department. D.Sumyabazar said that measures would be taken to revoke the land possession rights of the 19 companies and individuals who are not working within the law and regulations. The Capital City Land Management Department has issued notices to these places twice before. Officials have also been instructed to redefine the protection zones of these areas.

[Source: Capital City Governor's Office](#)

## BRIEFLY

- The design work for the construction of a hydropower plant on the Khovd River in Shijigt Gorge, Erdeneburen soum, Khovd aimag has been completed, and a tender to select a contractor to build the hydropower plant was announced on May 17, 2021. The construction of the 90 MW Erdeneburen Hydropower Plant will provide electricity to 4,430 businesses, 5,400 apartments, more than 36,000 ger area consumers, and a total of 52,000 consumers in five aimags in the western region domestically. [Source: ikon.mn](#)
- The Politician Agency, in cooperation with USUG, conducted an unannounced inspection of the entities that supply industrial wastewater to the CENTRAL TREATMENT FACTORY without proper treatment. [Source: Politician.mn](#)
- The USUG has released Dusalkhuu podcast series' new episode titled “Monitoring the Use of Water and Sewerage Networks”. [Source: USUG](#)
- Singapore International Water Week, one of the world's largest urban water management events, will be held online from June 22 to July 2, 2021. [Source: SIWW](#)