









WATER NEWS IN BRIEF

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MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT B.MUNKHBAATAR SIGNED A TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVES



On February 10, 2021, Minister of Construction and Urban Development B.Munkhbaatar met with the President of the Mongolian United Builders' Association M.Batbaatar, and Chairman of the Mongolian Builders' Trade Unions Association B. Battsogt to sign on a collective agreement of the Construction Sector of 2021-2022. Furthermore, a collective agreement of the Housing and Public utilities sector of 2021-2022 was signed by the head of the "Mongolian Public Utilities Association" NGO J.Batsuuri, head of the "Mongolian Housing and Public Utilities Workers' Trade Union" NGO B.Javzandulam and the minister respectively. Under the agreement, the parties will work together to increase water prices and tariffs, calculate the cost of water supply, sewerage, and public utility services, fairly assess labor productivity, and

improve the financial and human capacities of the housing and public utilities organizations. Also, the agreement includes works such as technical capacity building and involvement of the staff in housing projects and programs.

Source: Ministry of Construction and Urban Development

J. DAGVASUREN: A NEW TRENCHLESS PIPELINING TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN INTRODUCED



"...It's been 60 years since the heating network system got operational and 62 years since the foundation of USUG /Water Supply and Sewerage Authority of Ulaanbaatar/.

Due to the aging of the network, regular maintenance is required. Even though scheduled maintenance is carried out on an annual basis, the network cannot be renewed in a short period due to investment issues. Starting from 2018, we have been introducing and operating trenchless pipe lining technology without digging ditches for the repair and renovation of water supply networks. It has the advantage of short-time completion without traffic blocking, low cost, and less rehabilitation work. The project has been carried out under a contract with the

Austrian company "RTI". The machinery, tools, and materials have been purchased with a soft loan from the Austrian Government to Mongolia. As of today 8.5 km of high-density, aging pipelines have been lined. We are using two types of trenchless pipelining technologies. We independently tested the technology of lining with CIPP last October successfully. Only Mongolian engineers and workers participated in the pilot. In a way, I think it's a historical event ..."

Source: Construction Development Center under MCUD

AMBASSADOR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO MONGOLIA JIRI BRODSKY EXPRESSES HIS WILLINGNESS TO EXPAND COOPERATION IN FOREST MANAGEMENT, WATER, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION



The Minister of Nature, Environment and Tourism N.Urtnasan held an online meeting by the initiative of the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Mongolia Jiri Brodsky on February 10, 2021. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on a wide range of issues, including cooperation in the field of wildlife protection, reintroduction, forest management, water and air pollution, and tourism. Ambassador Jiri Brodsky expressed his belief that the two countries would further expand cooperation in the field of forest management, water, and environmental pollution. In response, Minister of Nature and Environment N. Urtnasan said that he would support all ongoing projects and future collaborations in the field of environment and tourism between the two countries.

Source: Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism

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• A regular meeting of the Science and Technology Council under the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development was held online on February 8, 2021. Several issues were discussed, including the issue of renovating the foundation of water facilities / BNbD 33-04-09 /.

Source: Ministry of Construction and Urban Development

• The Urban Planning and Research Institute plans to organize a series of online discussions to ensure public participation in the development of Ulaanbaatar city's 2040 Master Plan among professional associations, non-governmental organizations, academies of sciences, and university professors and researchers. The first round of discussions is planned to be held from February 24 to March 5, 2021.

Source: Urban Planning and Research Institute