

# VATER NEWS IN BRIEF



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## A DRAFT LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON UTILIZATION OF URBAN SETTLEMENT'S WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE WAS SUBMITTED



Members of the State Great Hural B.Battumur, Kh.Badelkhan and Kh.Bulgantuya on July 5, 2021 presented a draft law on amendments to the Law on Utilization of Urban Settlement's Water Supply and Sewage to Speaker of the State Great Hural G.Zandanshatar. The revised version of the Law on Utilization of Urban Settlement's Water Supply and Sewage was approved on October 6, 2011 with 7 chapters, 24 articles and 188 articles. As a result of the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the law, it was concluded that 80 provisions are being implemented and more than 40 percent of the remaining 108

provisions are needed to be amended. The draft law was developed based on the necessities to clarify some functions and authorities of the Water Services Regulatory Commission; To regulate relations related to the use of sanitary facilities of ger area households and rural population that are not connected to the central water supply and sewerage network, as well as the transportation and disposal of sludge; to entrust wastewater pre-treatment facilities of hospitals and health organizations to professional organizations; to entrust wastewater pre-treatment facilities of hospitals and health organizations to professional organizations; treat sludge from treatment plants; Improve the regulation of relations related to the discharge of highly polluted water from industry and business entities and organizations to the sewerage network after pre-treatment and improve related accountability.

Source: gogo.mn

#### UNESCO CHAIR ON SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN MONGOLIA WILL BE HEADED BY A MONGOLIAN RESEARCHER

UNESCO initiated and started implementing the UniTWIN programme in 1992 in order to promotes international inter-university cooperation and networking to enhance institutional capacities through knowledge sharing and collaborative work. As a result, member countries have been able to establish UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in key priority areas related to UNESCO's fields of competence – i.e. in education, the natural and social sciences, culture and communication. Currently, 834 UNESCO Chairs have been established in 134 countries under this program. Mongolia established its UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Groundwater Management at the Institute of Geography and Geoecology of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences in 2007 in cooperation with Tsukuba University, Japan. Since then, the chair has been headed by Tanaka Tadashi and Maki Tsujimaru, japanese professors from University of Tsukuba in collaboration with Dr.L.Janchivdorj, who is a consulting engineer of Mongolia. However, starting from this year, However, this year, Dr. S. Chinzorig, head of the Water Resources and Water Use Division, the Institute of Geography and Geoecology of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences, was appointed as the head of the chair.

Source: Unuudur.mn

### 15 TYPES OF ECO-FRIENDLY EQUIPMENTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES AND VAT AND 59 OTHERS EXEMPTED FROM CORPORATE INCOME TAX

For the purpose of reducing air pollution, the Government of Mongolia has exempted 15 types of energy-efficient heaters and indoor air purifiers from Customs duties and Value Added Tax. In addition, a total of 59 types of equipment to reduce air, water and soil pollution are exempted from corporate income tax. These are parts of the government policy to support green procurement. The lists include water filtration and treatment equipment, drip irrigation hoses and pipes, and equipment for hydro and hydroelectric power plants. "Green Certificates" and cash incentives have also been provided to support the activities of 12 companies and organizations that have introduced advanced methods and technologies to save natural resources, energy, and reduce waste and heat loss. Businesses operating in this field are welcome to submit their materials, source said.

Source: MET

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JUSUG has released the next episodes of "Dusalkhuu" podcast on the topic of "Instructions for installation of the small-scale wastewater treatment facility and reuse of treated water" and "Handling Complaints and Grievances". The guests of the podcasts were T.Bilguun and D.Otgonjargal, engineers from Customer Service Department, USUG. Source: USUG

Ulaanbaatar Heating Network, a state-owned company, announced the locations where the hot water supply will be cut off between 19 and 30 July 2021 in connection with the renovation of the heating network of the capital city. According to the source, the locations

include Jargalan town, MNCCI, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Star town, Encanto town, Marshal town, River Garden town, Bayan Mongol khoroolol, Shine Mongol school, Nogoon Tugul town, 13th khoroolol UDDT-26, 27, Narantuul market, Akhmadiin khoroolol, Sunjin Grand hotel, Bayanzurkh District Governor's Office, Central Military Hospital, Ministry of Defence, 16th khoroolol, Amgalan neighborhood, Otgontenger University, Mongol Kino negtgel and the neighborhood of the Mongolian Academy of Sciences and there will 3-11 days cut-off during that period. Source: MONTSAME