

# Public-Private Partnership for Urban Wastewater Treatment

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# Back Ground of the City

# Map of Weihai city

威海市地理位置图



The total area is 5436 square kilometers, with a population of 2.49 million.

In 2006, compared with the foundation of Weihai city in 1987, the developed urban area grew from 13.1 to 92 km<sup>2</sup>; the urban population grew from 233,000 to 619,000; GDP grew from 3.42 billion yuan to 136.85 billion yuan. The GDP growth rate is 21.4 % annually.

# The Pilot Project

- In 2003, Weihai applied Wendeng sewage treatment plant as a pilot project from ESCAP, using market principle, establish public-private partnership.
- The capacity is 40,000T/d, the investment is 50 million RMB.
- A joint stock company headquartered in Tianjin, use BOD, operation period is 30 years.
- Now the project is completed.

# Public Participation in the Pilot Project

- The project proposed under the pressure of public claims.
- The proposal has been discussed among the entrepreneurs that affect or be affected.
- During the environmental impact assessment, questionnaires and public hearing has been conducted.
- The plants and residents served by the project will pay the service cost, in the same time enjoy the better environment.

# The impact of the pilot project



# 1. Improved the public participation

- Weihai set up an environmental program on TV and radio; a column in the newspaper Weihai Daily
- put more attention for environmental education in the kindergartens and elementary schools
- established a website, [www.whep.gov.cn](http://www.whep.gov.cn)
- opened the mayor's mailbox, mayor's hotline 12345
- environmental hotline 12369



organize housewives and students to participate in various environmental activities, to share their experience on water saving, visit sewage treatment plants and increase their awareness on water environment.

## 2. Improved the Use of Market Mechanism

- Gradually raise the water price. In 2000, for residents, 0.8 yuan /t; in 2006 raise to 2.85 yuan/t including 0.8 yuan for sewage treatment, 0.35 yuan for water resources, 1.70 yuan for water supply. use progressive pricing mechanism
- For industrial and service usage, the price is 6.85 yuan/t that includes 5.0 yuan for water supply, 1.1 yuan for wastewater discharge, 0.35 yuan for water resource conservation and 0.4 yuan surcharge.
- Now the fees collected almost can balance the expenditure.

- Using BOT expanded No3 sewage treatment plant, capacity is 40,000 t/d, investment is 61 million, beneficiaries pay 0.93 yuan/t, operation period is 25 years. It is completed in 2006.
- Using BOT expanded No2 sewage treatment plant, capacity is 40,000t/d, investment is 62 million, beneficiaries pay 0.91yuan/t, operation period is 25 years. It is in operation this month.
- All the planed sewage treatment plants are trying to use the BOT method

### 3.Improved Wastewater treatment

- The sewage treatment rate in Weihai increased from 73.8% in 2003 to 83.12 % in 2006.
- All the rivers, reservoirs and sea water can meet the national standard.

## 4. Established a public, private partnership.

Now almost all the individuals, private companies concern, connect and participate in water management

# Weihai was awarded

- National Sanitary City
- Environmental Protection Model City
- National Garden City
- National Excellent Tourism City
- Best Model City of Improving Living Environment by UN
- UN-Habitat Scroll of Honor Award
- Eco-City