

Nanjing, P.R. China (Population: more than 8 million, Category E)

Nanjing is located at the downstream of Yangtze River in China. It is the second largest city in the Yangtze River Delta after Shanghai with a total area of about 6,600 square kilometers and a population of more than 8 million.

Nanjing boasts of its 2,500-year history of the city of Nanjing was built. Since the third century AD, nine ancient Empires have selected Nanjing as the capital. 2813 ancient historical and cultural relics are well-preserved.

As one of 10 largest cities and national major transportation and telecommunication hub, Nanjing has gone through years of efforts and improvement to turn into the liveable city. In 2008, Nanjing also received the Special Citation of the Habitat Scroll of Honor award.

Enhancement of the Natural and Built Landscapes

1. Green coverage rate in Nanjing has risen from 41% in 2005 to 44% in 2010;
2. Nanjing Government had stipulated a new urban planning blueprint and had evacuated residents in old town so as to preserve ancient style, covering a total area of 436 square km and benefiting a population of over 1 million;
3. 18 ancient streets and 137 historical heritage sites were listed as historical and cultural appearance conservation area;
4. Nanjing already has more than 100 municipal parks and more than 1,200 community parks, nearly one park for every 300 meters;
5. More than 90% of urban roads became boulevards;

Arts, Culture and Heritage

1. The development of heritage protection mechanism and establishment of heritage document;
2. 2813 items of cultural heritage are under protection of 5 different levels;
3. Set up "Cultural Heritage Day" to promote heritage protection;
4. Publish series of books and CDs on Nanjing heritage and more than 1 million promotion brochures were handed out to the public free of charge;
5. Set up a special language protection organization to research and protect local language art; 125 inheritors have been identified as representative intangible cultural heritage inheritors, and 13 heritage protection bases have been built;

Environmental Best Practices

1. A protection plan of river system has been officially launched, and a water system of 113.5 kilometers has been designated as ecological network;
2. 56 small chemical factories were closed and 15 large chemical, steel, thermoelectric enterprises were asked to undertake waste gas treatment;
3. Nanjing has set up 9 automatic air monitoring stations, and has built monitoring stations in the expressway of high traffic flow;
4. Nanjing took the lead in achieving the goal that all "new civil construction" saving 50% of the energy. 20% of the existing buildings in Nanjing have already completed

energy-saving transformation tasks (saving 50% of the energy);

5. The coverage rate of the city's gas and liquefied petroleum gas has reached 97.3%;

Community Participation and Empowerment

1. Establish the platform of government information publicity and collect opinions from the citizens through the web sites, media and information platform;

2. Form a special investigation team to conduct a public opinion survey before each major decision-making and project;

3. Regularly issue the related government information to the whole society through social network, and encourage the government officials to use network media which shall be directly subject to the supervision of the public and the whole society;

4. Simplify government organizations and improve service efficiency;

5. The committee elects a spokesman who represents the community to communicate with the government, which can stimulate the enthusiasm of public participation in urban management;

Healthy lifestyle

1. Free parks and public sports facilities plan;

2. A comprehensive system of lifelong education;

3. Free public cultural spaces to meet the cultural needs of the public;

4. The city has a total of 162 hospitals, 1995 community health service centers and other health care institutions, and the city has set up a 2-level health network by building "hospitals and community health service centers" at city center and new districts;

5. A comprehensive disease control system consists of city, district and town (street) level;

Strategic Planning

1. Until 2015, the city will add an area of 135,400,000 square meters of forest, and then Nanjing will achieve the goal of urban and rural landscape integrated development plan;

2. Within the next two years, Nanjing's green coverage will reach 48% while forest coverage will reach 27%;

3. Establish a five-year heritage protection plan, which involves the local culture, traditional art, traditional sports, heritage and other aspects;

4. Within the next five years, Nanjing will build urban cultural service centers in the four major areas;

5. In 2011, Nanjing launched the "Blue Sky Action plan", "Clean Water action plan", "Clean Home action plan" and "Building Energy efficiency plan";