



China, People's Republic of: Study on the Road Map for Air Quality Improvement in Pilot Cities in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei and Its Surrounding Areas

Project Name	Study on the Road Map for Air Quality Improvement in Pilot Cities in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei and Its Surrounding Areas	
Project Number	51420-001	
Country	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9612-PRC: Study on the Road Map for Air Quality Improvement in Pilot Cities in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei and Its Surrounding Areas	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 400,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Energy - Energy efficiency and conservation	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	The TA will help local governments establish an air pollution emission management database and develop a post-CAAP roadmap for air quality improvement in one or two selected pilot cities, which can be replicated elsewhere in the greater BTH region. The TA will have the following outputs: (i) develop emission inventories for the pilot cities; (ii) assess the impacts of energy consumption and industrial structure on air quality and climate change; (iii) establish an investment cost database of main pollution reduction measures; (iv) establish an air pollution emission management database; and (v) develop air quality improvement roadmap for the pilot cities.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The greater BTH region contributes to almost one-third of the PRC's total gross domestic product (GDP), making it one of the most important and dynamic regions in the country. High energy consumption and pollution emissions, however, have accompanied the PRC's rapid economic growth from the 1980s to the mid-2010s. 239 of 338 cities in the PRC failed to meet national ambient air quality standards in 2017. In 2016, the greater BTH region accounted for large portions of total national emissions: 38.6% of sulfur dioxide (SO ₂), 38.3% of nitrogen oxide (NO _x), and 45.4% of smoke and dust. The 2017 State of the Environment Report indicated 10 most polluted cities among 74 cities that are implementing the newly amended ambient air quality standards are all in the greater BTH region. Air pollution is a problem that has become increasingly obtrusive. Air pollution greatly constrains the PRC's social and economic development and poses a substantial threat to public health. A World Bank study showed that the cost of air pollution accounts for approximately 10% of PRC's total GDP. The World Health Organization (WHO) attributed almost half a million deaths in the PRC to ambient air pollution in 2012. 5. The implementation of the Comprehensive Action Plan on Air Pollution Prevention and Control (CAAP) between 2013 and 2017 resulted in a decrease in average concentrations of particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in diameter (PM ₁₀) by 22.7% in 338 major cities, and particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM _{2.5}) by 39.6% in the BTH region. However, the PRC is still facing huge challenges in air pollution control, especially in the greater BTH region. In 2017, the percentage of the days with non-attainment of national ambient air quality standards ranged from 38.9% to 79.7% in 13 major cities in the BTH region, with an average at 44%. In a recent State Council executive meeting, the Government stated that fighting against air pollution for a blue sky is the top priority of pollution control and prevention, and one of the main battlefields of the war to defend blue skies is in the BTH region.	
Impact	Air pollution reduced, climate change mitigated, and air quality and public health improved in the greater BTH region	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Management and decision-making in air pollution control by the Handan Municipal Government enhanced	
Progress Toward Outcome		

Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	Emission inventory for Handan City developed Impacts of energy consumption and industrial structures on air quality and climate change assessed Investment cost database of main pollution reduction measures established Air pollution emission management database established Road map for air quality improvements in Handan City developed
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Hebei Handan

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	ADB will recruit a firm using a quality- and cost-based selection method with a 90:10 quality cost ratio. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	27 Jun 2018
Fact Finding	21 Aug 2018 to 21 Aug 2018
MRM	-
Approval	17 Oct 2018
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	17 Oct 2018

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	-	0.00

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