# Beijing's Clean Air Actions During 2013-2017

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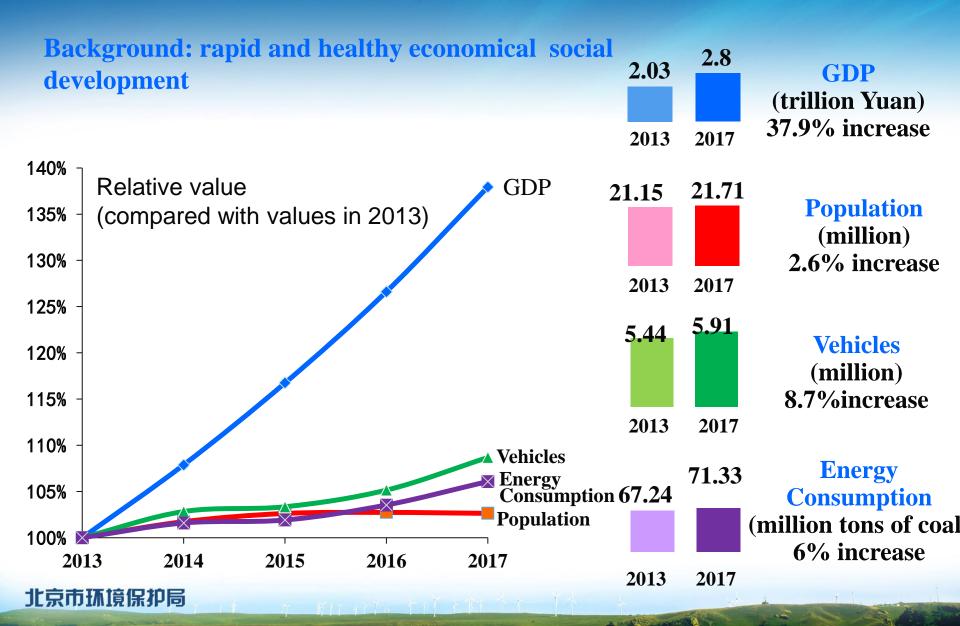
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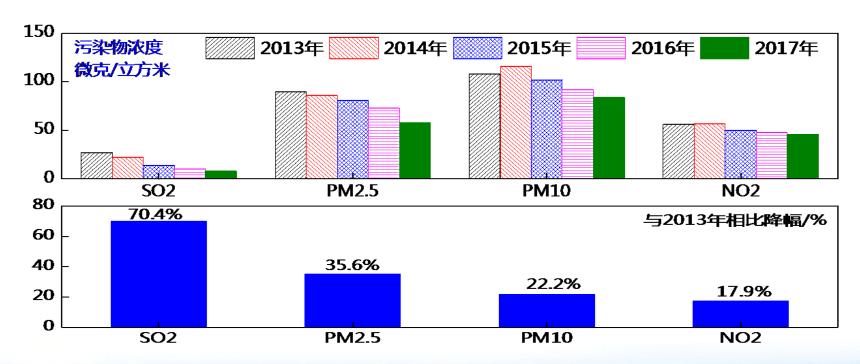
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In 2017, the annual average concentration of  $SO_2$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  reduced to was 8, 46, 84 and 58  $\mu$ g/m³ respectively, reduced by 70.4%, 17.9%, 22.2% and 34.8% compared with 2013.

Specially, the annual average concentration of  $SO_2$  in 2017 approached the average level in European cities.



#### **Coal-fired Emission Control**

Annual coal consumption has dropped from 22.7 million to below 5 million tons, while the proportion of clean and high-qualified energy share increased to more than 90%.

- 4 gas-fired thermal power centers are built to replace 4 coal-fired thermal power plants.
- □ "Coal-to-clean energy conversion" conducted in 1829 villages.
- A total of 39,000 tons vapor capacity coal boilers converted clean energy
- **□** 27,000 small coal-fired furnaces were eliminated.
- Low-nitrogen combustion technology applied in a total of 34,000 tons vapor capacity gas-fired boilers.







#### Vehicle Emission Control and Fuel Quality

- Strict control over increase of vehicle fleet, enforced the China V Emission Standards on new vehicles, applied the Stage Five of China Fuel Quality Standards equal to Euro 5 gasoline Standards;
- 2,167,000 old polluting yellow-labeled vehicles were eliminated, new energy vehicle fleet grow to 200,000, and 51,000 taxies adopted three-way catalytic converter retrofitting;
- ☐ High-emission vehicles and non-road machineries are regulated tightly.

  Low emission zone was indentified, heavy-duty diesel vehicles below the China III Emission Standard are banned within the Sixth-Ring Road.
- By promoting rail-based public transportation, green transportation accounts 72.1% in total trips models in 2017.



#### **Industries Emission Control**

- ☐ Implementation of the Catalog for the Banning and Restricting Setting New Industrial Plants and process;
- □ the Catalog for Eliminating and Adjusting Polluting Industrial Process, 1992 old polluting factories were closed or relocated, and 11,000 small, poorly managed polluting enterprises are renovated.
- ☐ Technical retrofitting in petrochemical industries achieved 57,000 tons VOCs emission reduction.

The proportion of Tertiary industry in GDP reached 82.4%.





#### **Reducing Dust Pollution**

- □ Construction dust, application of new technologies and measures, including tire-washing machine and video monitoring system, improve law enforcement efficiency;
- Road dust, 8,000 trucks for construction soil transportation were retrofitted to be tightly closed to reduce leakage during transportation; new and efficient processes were applied in 88% road cleaning operation in the city.
- □ 70,000 hectares of land was afforested.



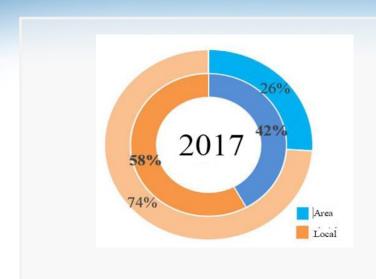
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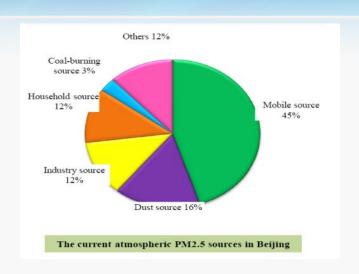
- An heavy pollution response system was built within the city government with detailed action plan published since 2013;
- □ a four-level warning system for heavy pollution episodes was developed: red, orange, yellow and blue, corresponding measures healthy protection and pollution mitigation measures clearly specified;
- Pollution forecast published in advance after regional consultation;
- □ Great efforts made to supervise implementation of the heavy pollution response action plan;
- □ Information released in a timely manner to give right guidance for the public.



## 3. Experience and Lessons Learned

**Strong scientific support, including PM2.5 Source Apportionment** 





Latest study shows: Beijing local emissions contribute 2/3 of total  $PM_{2.5}$  in the air, while **regional transmission accounts for 1/3**;

Local  $PM_{2.5}$  sources in Beijing are:  $PM_{2.5}$  resulting from mobile sources, **dust** source, **industrial source**, **household source**, and **coal-burning source**, **they contribute 45%**, **16%**, **12%**, **12%**, **and 3%**, respectively;  $PM_{2.5}$  resulting from agricultural and natural source, etc accounts for about 12%.

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#### Laws, Regulations, Standards, & Policies

- Economic incentive policies: 70 categories of economic policies, including subsidies for implementation of pollution control measure, coal to gas or electricity conversion, low NOx emission retrofitting, scrapping old polluting vehicles, etc.
- Laws and regulations: Beijing's Local Air Pollution Prevention and Control Law raised many concrete rules on pollution control requirement and violation.
- 44 local air pollutants emission standards more stringent than national standards, covering boiler, petrochemical, automobile and other.





## 3. Experience and Lessons Learned

#### **Key: Regional Collaboration**

- A regional cooperation mechanism has been set up under the leadership of central government, cover Beijing and the surrounding cities and provinces, with key ministries involved.
- New vehicle emission standard and National Special Emission Limits on Air Pollutant for six important industries and coal-fired boilers; coordination on increases supply of natural gas and high-quality coal to the region.
- Unified actions were taken for heavy pollution episode response, including pollution forecast and announcement.



