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Member of Parliament J. Batzandun giving opening remarks at the vocational training center

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The Fire Department has 36 workers, and is ranked at NEMA's second level of fire prevention and response services. Many forest fires, storms, and automobile collisions occur in Govisumber Province. The workers of the Govisumber Fire Department said that in recent weeks they have been working mainly to find people lost in snow storms, and to save vehicles stuck in the snow.

Eco-parks to start construction this spring

The construction of "eco-parks" will start in spring if their layout is approved by the Ulaanbaatar Mayor's Office, said the head of the Mongolian National Recycling Association (MNRA), D.Byambasaikhan.

The plans for the eco-parks include two waste-to-energy plants, 26 factories, and facilities for 14 service organizations. Feasibility studies have been produced for the parks. "My team has now started working on the layouts and general planning. According to the feasibility study, the recycling factory will cost 235 billion MNT, and the construction will be funded by private partnerships, not the state," said D.Byambasaikhan.

The Ulaanbaatar Mayor's Office and the MNRA signed a memorandum of understanding on February 11, 2015, to build eco-parks in order to solve the city's waste disposal problems and to establish recycling factories in the capital. They plan to build eco-parks at two landfill sites, one at the Tsagaan Davaa garbage dump in the 24th khoroo of Bayanzurkh District, and one at the Narangiin Enger garbage dump in the 26th khoroo of Songinokhairkhan District.

'Smart' technology installed in wells

A total of 20 "smart" water distribution devices have been installed at domestic wells in Ulaanbaatar, allowing area residents 24-hour, automated access to fresh water.

The authorities of the National Water Management Authority opened the "smart" wells on January 23. The self-serve water distribution devices have been installed at wells in four districts: nine in Bayanzurkh District, five in Chingeltei District, one in Bayangol District, and five in Sukhbaatar District. The automated technology cuts down on labor expenses and allows people to purchase water at any time of the day.

The newly outfitted wells are in the 2nd, 10th, 17th, 21st, and 27th khorooos of Bayanzurkh District; 13th, 15th, and 18th khorooos of Chingeltei District; 9th, 10th, and 16th khorooos of Sukhbaatar District; and 16th khoroo of Bayangol District. A total of 18,600 people from 4,654 households reside in those areas.

The National Water Management Authority is planning to equip 100 wells with "smart" technology by 2017.