

The following summary is from Hua Wang's Back To Office report from June 13, 2002:

**1. The industrial environmental performance disclosure program.** Jiangsu provincial environmental protection department (EPD) has expanded the pilot industrial environmental performance rating and disclosure program we established for Zhenjiang in 2000 into a provincial disclosure program. After a series of workshops (including two we sponsored) and trainings in 2000 and 2001, Jiangsu EPD issued a government procedure to implement the disclosure program in the whole province in 2001. Now, all 13 municipalities (including all counties and county-level cities) in Jiangsu have finished rating and disclosing the environmental performances of major industrial polluters to the public. About 2500 industrial companies, which discharge more than 80% of the total industrial pollution in the province, are currently covered in this program.

During my trip, I visited six cities in Jiangsu and found that the disclosure program had generated strong positive impacts on the polluters, the government agencies as well as the public. The media have widely reported and discussed about the program. I also found some minor issues in implementing the program in the province, especially in using, uniformly, the rating standards we established for our pilot program in Zhenjiang, which need to be addressed in the near future.

On May 31, I had a meeting with Jiangsu EPD director, Mr. Shi Zhenhua, and I discussed with him about having a workshop in September/October to summarize experiences and to improve the system. We also discussed to expand the program to cover non-industrial sources.

In Beijing, SEPA people repeated their request of financial support for more pilot disclosure programs in the western and northern provinces, in order to make it a national pollution control program in China.

I also received a request from Ghana National Environmental Protection Agency for help in launching an environmental performance rating and disclosure program there, as a result of my presentation of the Chinese experience in the 6th Annual Conference of the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Costa Rica last April.