

Apr. 7, 2009 (Xinhua News Agency) -- China targets 20 bln watts of wind power capacity by 2010

BEIJING, April 7 (Xinhua) ? China plans to expand its installed capacity of wind power to 20 billion watts by 2010, which would double the earlier official expectation, according to an article of Zhang Guobao, head of National Energy Administration, carried on the Qiu Shi magazine published last week.

Zhang stated that China would further accelerate the construction of wind power farms to add related generating capacity by at least one billion watts every year, and also make China the largest consumer of renewable energy in the world.

China's installed capacity of wind power stood at 12 billion watts by the end of 2008, already exceeding the earlier-set target for 2010. Besides, another 10 billion watts of installed capacities are under construction.

China's wind power industry has developed rapidly in recent years thanks to Chinese government's incentive policies for wind power generation so as to make renewable energy utilization account for 15 percent of its total energy output.

Zhang Guobao noted in the article that China planned to raise the proportion of nuclear power generation in total energy to at least 5 percent. By the end of 2008, the installed capacity of nuclear power amounted to 9.1 billion watts in China, with another 22.9 billion watts under construction.

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