

further perfected, the consciousness of environment protection was deeply rooted in people's heart, and the environmental monitoring became more rigid and formalized. In order to keep an all-round monitoring of the rivers, lakes, air and serious pollution sources, 129 monitoring stations were established. 580 programs of treating environmental pollution were finished, having increased 220%; 115,190 thousand yuan of investment on the treatment of environmental pollution was realized, having increased 190%; 140 smoke-controlling areas and 89 noise controlled areas were established, having increased 1.5% and 3.5% respectively. The natural protection zones of all sorts were widened. By the end of 1999, there had been 55 natural protection zones (including 5 nation-level ones and 23 province-level ones); the area of the protection zones reached 758.6 thousand hectares, having increased 4.3%. The afforestation, the treatment of the industrial waste water and industrial solid wastes were greatly improved. But there was still serious contradictions between the environmental pollution and continuable development.

The public security department, the procuratorial department, the courts, the military police and People's Liberating Army in Hunan played very important part in keeping social stability and flood prevention and resistance, they together created a good environment for reform and opening, and economic construction. In 1999, the public security organs cracked 60.8 thousand criminal cases, having increased 28.8%; the procuratorial organs placed on file for investigation 1,796 cases of corruption and accepting bribes, among which 138 cases involved officials at or above county level and 763 cases involved over 50 thousand yuan. The investigation and treatment of economic cases retrieved a loss of 174 million yuan.

Note: Data from the Statistical Communique are tentative figures. Figures on the contrast bases of each relative indicators are taken from annual statistical reports announced in Hunan Statistical Yearbook 1999.