

thousand new entrants, and 4,695 ordinary schools whose students amounted to 4,255.9 thousand, the entrance rate of the ordinary junior middle school was 93 percent, having decreased 1 percentage. There were 29,340 ordinary primary schools with 6.01 million students, the enrollment rate of primary-school-age children being 97.9 percent, down 0.5 percentage points over the previous year, the drop-off rate of primary school students was 0.5 percent, up 0.13 percentage points.

X Culture, Public Health and Sports

Cultural industry was strengthened and cultural and art undertaking made rapid progress. In 2001, Hunan Daily Group and Changsha Evening Paper Group were founded, all sorts of newspaper issued 901.02 million copies; magazines, 97.97 million copies; and books, 248.51 million copies. Radio, movie and televisions speed up. By the end of 2001, there were 11 radio broadcasting stations, 25 medium and short wave radio transmitting and relaying stations, 15 TV stations through out Hunan brought radio programs were 81.6 percent of the total population, 50 TV transmitting and relaying stations covered 91.7 percent of the population. The flourish of cultural and art enrich people's life. Huagu opera Huagu in Autumn gained award inaugurated by the State Propaganda Department, dance poem Zha Hua woman gained the gold award of creation and performance of 3th minority nationality theatrical festival, film Mao-Ze dong in 1925 gained the award of the best feature film of the 21th Jin Ji festival. By the end of 2001, there were 91 art-performing groups, 125 cultural centers, 15 public artistic centers, 66 museums, 115 public libraries and 199 archives establishment in Hunan.

Continued development was made in public health undertakings. By the end of 2001, there were 4205 health care institutions, with a total of 146.2 thousand beds (including 21.2 thousand beds in the hospital of villages and towns), increased by 1.9 percent, 199 thousand health workers through out province. Rural villages with medical-care stations account of 92.6 percent, up 1.1 percent compared with the previous year.

Vigorous development was scored in sports. In 2001, athletes from Hunan won 3 world champions, 5 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 1 bronze at important international sport games; furthermore, athletes from Hunan won 24 gold medals, 21.5 silver medals and 26.5 bronze at national sport games. In 9th national sport games, athletes from Hunan made a breakthrough by winning 19.5 gold champions, making Hunan at the seventh place. Sports were further popularized among the masses, 33.5 percent of the population often took part in sports activities, 96 percent of students were up to standard of national sports.

XI Environment Protection

The environment protection made progress. By the end of 2001, there were 2107 people working in environment protection agencies in Hunan, and 129 environment monitoring station were in operation. 331 programs of treating environment pollution were finished, 271 million yuan of investment on the treatment of environment protection was realized, grew by 14 percent. 157 smoke-dust control zones were established, increased by 25.6 percent; 126 noise control zones, increased by 61.5 percent. Hunan also had 68 natural protection zones (including 8 nation-level zones and 26 province-level zones); the area of the protection zones reached 803.4