

through out province. Rural villages with medical-care stations made up 93.5 percent, up 1 percent compared with the previous year.

Vigorous development was scored in sports. In 2002, athletes from Hunan won 9 world champions; 17 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 7 bronze at important international sport games; furthermore, athletes from Hunan won 27 gold medals, 24 silver medals and 30 bronze at national sport games. 2 athletes and 10 person-times broke 4 world records, it was 2 times, 5 times and 2 times over the previous year. Sports were further popularized among the masses, 33.8 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 was further enhanced. By the end of 2002, there were 2498 people working in environment protection agencies in Hunan, and 149 environmental monitoring stations were in operation. 374 programs of treating environment pollution were finished with 70.13 million yuan of investment. The smoke/dust control zones covering an area of 1071.2 square kilometers, increased by 10.3 percent; and another 1094.4 square kilometers where the noise pollution was controlled within the standard, increased by 5.8 percent. Hunan also had 69 natural protection zones (including 8 nation-level ones and 28 province-level ones); the area of the protection zones reached 825.1 thousand hectares, having increased 2.71 percent. The all-round monitoring of the rivers, lakes, air and serious pollution area was reinforced continuously, the out-let of the pollution met the standards related. Among 12 sorts of the wastes controlled by the state, 11 were restricted within the standards regulated by the state. All of 2818 enterprises listed into the statistical survey reached the standards. In 2002, Hunan issued an act on *Prevent and Treatment of Pollution of Xiangjiang Water*, the preventing and treatment of pollution of Xiangjiang water made a significant progress.

XII Population, People's Life and Social Security System

According to the sampling survey, at the end of 2002, the total population of Hunan was 66.29 million, and had an increase of 326.5 thousand. Of which, 21.21 million people lived in cities and towns and 45.08 million people lived in rural areas. A crude birth rate was 11.56 per thousand, down by 0.35 per-thousand-points; representing a crude death rate of 6.7 per thousand; the natural growth rate was 4.86 per thousand, or 0.22 per-thousand-points lower than that of 2001. The aged population at 65 and over 5.34 million people, accounted for 8.05 percent and 0.28 percent-points higher than that of 2001.

The living standard of urban and rural population continued to improve. According to the sampling survey, the annual per capita disposable incomes of urban households was 6958.56 yuan in 2002, increased by 9.8 percent on the comparable statistical basis. Of which, the annual per capita wage and stipend was 5038.44 yuan, an increase of 4.5 percent; the annual per capita net income from household business operation was 235.44 yuan, increased by 36.2 percent; the transfer income was 1573.8 yuan, increased by 29.9 percent. The annual per capita expenditure for consumption of urban households was 5574.72 yuan, if excluding the element of the price's