

# GTZ: Eco City Planning and Management, Jiangsu, China, InWent: China Association of Mayors

13 million people – this is the number by which the population of Chinese cities rises every year. Urbanisation is generating great demand for housing and resources. The building boom and the associated environmental degradation constitute a challenge, especially at the municipal level.

Yangzhou and Changzhou, in the province of Jiangsu, are exposed to considerable environmental stresses as a result of urbanisation. The local administrative authorities need support in sustainable urban planning. This is what the GTZ Eco City programme does. It combines ecological, social and economic aspects and contributes to achieving better protection of the environment and improving living conditions. InWent is pursuing similar objectives in cooperation with the China Association of Mayors (CAM) through the mayors' initiative: by engaging in an exchange of experience and a programme of visits, 5,000 municipal decision-makers are learning how sustainable and environmentally sound urban development can be put into practice.



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### Findings and results of the Eco City programme:

- The urbanisation process is socially, economically and ecologically balanced and efficient
- Environmentally sound urban development, for example through solutions for wastewater, energy efficiency and traffic management
- Sustainable regional planning and integrated municipal environmental management in conurbations
- Introduction of learning systems and mechanisms for disseminating knowledge of eco-friendly urban development

### Findings and results of the mayors' initiative:

- Strengthening the municipal level: environmental concerns are translated into action where the effects are most noticeable
- Improvement of urban infrastructure (waste disposal, drinking water supply, sewerage system) and reduction of environmental pollution and its consequences
- Binational exchange between mayors – according to the motto: "Seeing once is better than hearing a hundred times"

Duration of Eco City China project:  
June 2002 to May 2007

[www.gtz.de/de/weltweit/asien-pazifik/1537.htm.org](http://www.gtz.de/de/weltweit/asien-pazifik/1537.htm.org)

Duration of mayors' initiative:  
since 1982-2009, origins stretch back to the 1970s



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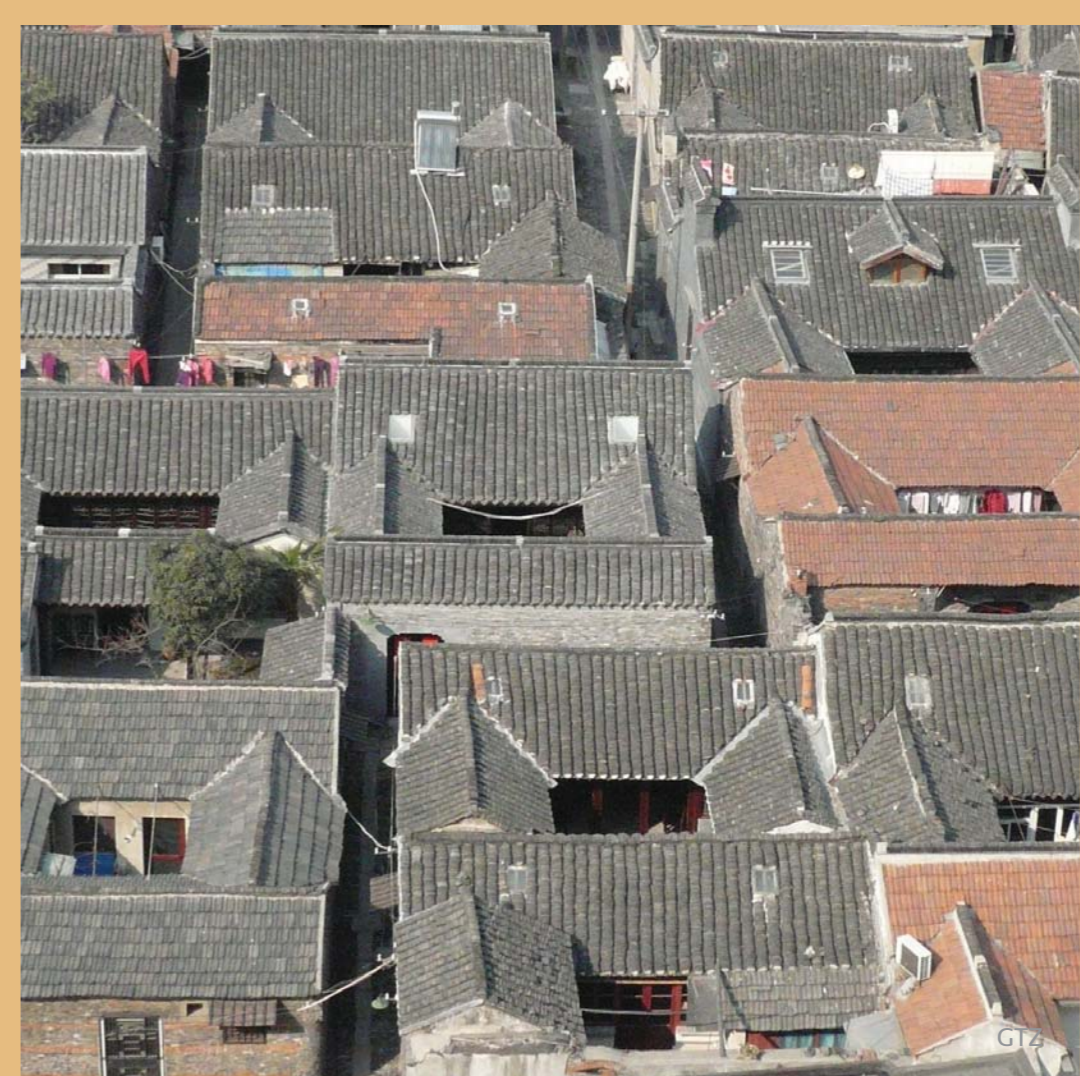


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