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CHINA'S OIL SHALE BUSINESS IS GOING AHEAD

Because of world's high crude oil price, oil shale business is being paid more attention in China, just as in Estonia and in some other countries. Recently Chinese National Oil Shale Association was established in Fushun. Last year, Fushun shale oil plant under Fushun Bureau of Mines produced 180,000 tons shale oil; now the plant is building 20 Fushun-type retorts, so that it will operate totally 140 Fushun retorts in this year; daily processing capacity of each retort is 100 t oil shale, thus the yearly capacity of oil shale processing in Fushun will totally reach about 4.5 million tons. Due to the fact that in Fushun oil shale is the by-product



of coal mining, the production cost of shale oil is low, about 1500 Chinese yuan per ton, while its selling price reaches 3000 yuan per ton, therefore the plant earns much money and is willing to expand its shale oil production. Fushun Bureau of Mines signed a contract with Krupp Co. and Canadian Taciuk to build an ATP retort, with the daily processing capacity of 6000 tons oil shale, the project was reviewed and passed by me, as the head of reviewing group, nominated by China's National Development Committee. Besides, Longkow Coal Mine, Shangdong Province, and Huadian, Jilin Province, are intended to build oil shale plants, each with the yearly production of 200,000 t shale oil. The projects are being reviewed.

China's Petroleum University has signed a contract with Mongolian Company to make feasibility study for Mongolian Khoot oil shale retorting commercialization, and has contacted Jordan Natural Resources Authority for utilization of Jordan Lajjun oil shale. It indicates that, beside China, more countries are paying much attention on the oil shale development. It is believed that the world's oil shale business has the perspective and bright future. *OIL SHALE* journal will contribute more and more to the world's oil shale business development.

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