

China seeks breakthroughs in combatting smog

China will increase research on smog in its battle against air pollution in Beijing and surrounding areas.

Government agencies, including environmental protection authority, academies and institutions will work together to integrate resources, according to reports of a State Council executive meeting presided over by Premier Li Keqiang on Wednesday.

Scientists working on anti-smog research may be given extra funding from the central budget.

The work will focus on causes of the heavy seasonal air pollution, emission control and health.

The government hopes to improve air quality and explore transferable pollution control systems for all parts of the country which suffer from smog.

China is addressing air pollution with stricter measures on emissions and an emphasis on clean energy. Minister of Environmental Protection Chen Jining said earlier this week that Chinese cities reported more “good air” days in 2016.