<u>Beijing is home to 135,400 new energy</u> <u>vehicles as of June</u>

Beijing has been vigorously promoting new energy vehicle (NEV) for years to tackle air pollution. As of June, the city is home to 135,400 NEVs, with 92,300 charging piles, according to the Beijing Municipal Commission of City Management.

A multi-storey NEV charging station went into operation in SOHU modern city, a busy downtown area of Beijing on Aug. 8. The station, covering more than 4,000 square meters, is equipped with 101 charging piles. More than 500 cars can be charged here daily, and online payment for charging is available.

Beijing has been building charging stations and piles around malls, traffic hubs, office buildings, highway service areas, tourist attractions, as well as regular gas stations. The city is home to 1,873 public NEV charging stations, making charging possible in a five-kilometer range within the city's Sixth Ring Road.

According to an official of the Beijing Municipal Commission of City Management, Beijing plans to build no less than 3,000 public charging piles this year. By 2020, NEV charging facilities will be available every 0.9 kilometers in downtown Beijing, the sub-center of Beijing, the new airport and the Winter Olympics venues.