

Beijing to have 350 day care nursing homes within the year

Beijing will have a total of 350 day care nursing homes for senior citizens by the end of this year, according to the Office of Beijing Municipal Working Committee on Aging.

Last year, Beijing launched a pilot program of day care nursing homes, where senior citizens can have access to food and day care near their homes. Some nursing homes also provide basic medical care and other activities such as painting and singing classes.

The capital city's various districts and communities provide space for such nursing homes, and the municipal government offers facilities, while leaving their operation and management to old-age service providers. By the end of last year,

Beijing was home to 150 nursing homes, 70.7 percent of which were under chain operation.

The number of day care nursing homes is expected to reach 1,000 by the year 2020, roughly covering all areas where there is a large concentration of senior citizens.