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China Times E-paper (2009/11/29) Owing to the climate disorder and the rise of oil price, more and more buildings introduce conceptions of energy saving and green building in design. According to the statistics of the Architecture and Building Research Institute (ABRI), Ministry of the Interior, in the previous decade up to this October, more than two thousand and three hundred buildings in Taiwan have obtained the certificate or the candidacy of Green Building Label, which all together have reduced 0.52 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions; such a volume of emission approximately equals to the volume that more than one thousand and three hundred Daan Forest Parks can absorb. The reduction of the water and electricity expenditure induced therefrom even reaches 2.19 billion NT dollars.

According to the statistics of ABRI, at the initial stage of the Green Building Labeling Policy, there were less than ten applications per year; after ten years of effort, additionally with the popularization of the idea of environmental protection, the number of applications has kept increasing during the years. These two to three years, the application number per year has reached two to three hundred. Up to this October, more than two thousand and three hundred buildings have obtained the certificate or the candidacy of Green Building Label. They together have saved 769 million kwh of electricity and 3300 million tons of water; the result is quite remarkable.

The officials at ABRI point out that it is not easy to obtain the certificate of Green Building Label, for there are many commanding assessment indexes regarding construction materials, water reservation policy, energy saving construction and the management of wastes etc. Actually there have been a lot of buildings use green conceptions in design, which yet do not apply for the strict Green Building Label. These "general" green buildings must make the effect quoted above greatly augmented.

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