

Circular Economy in China

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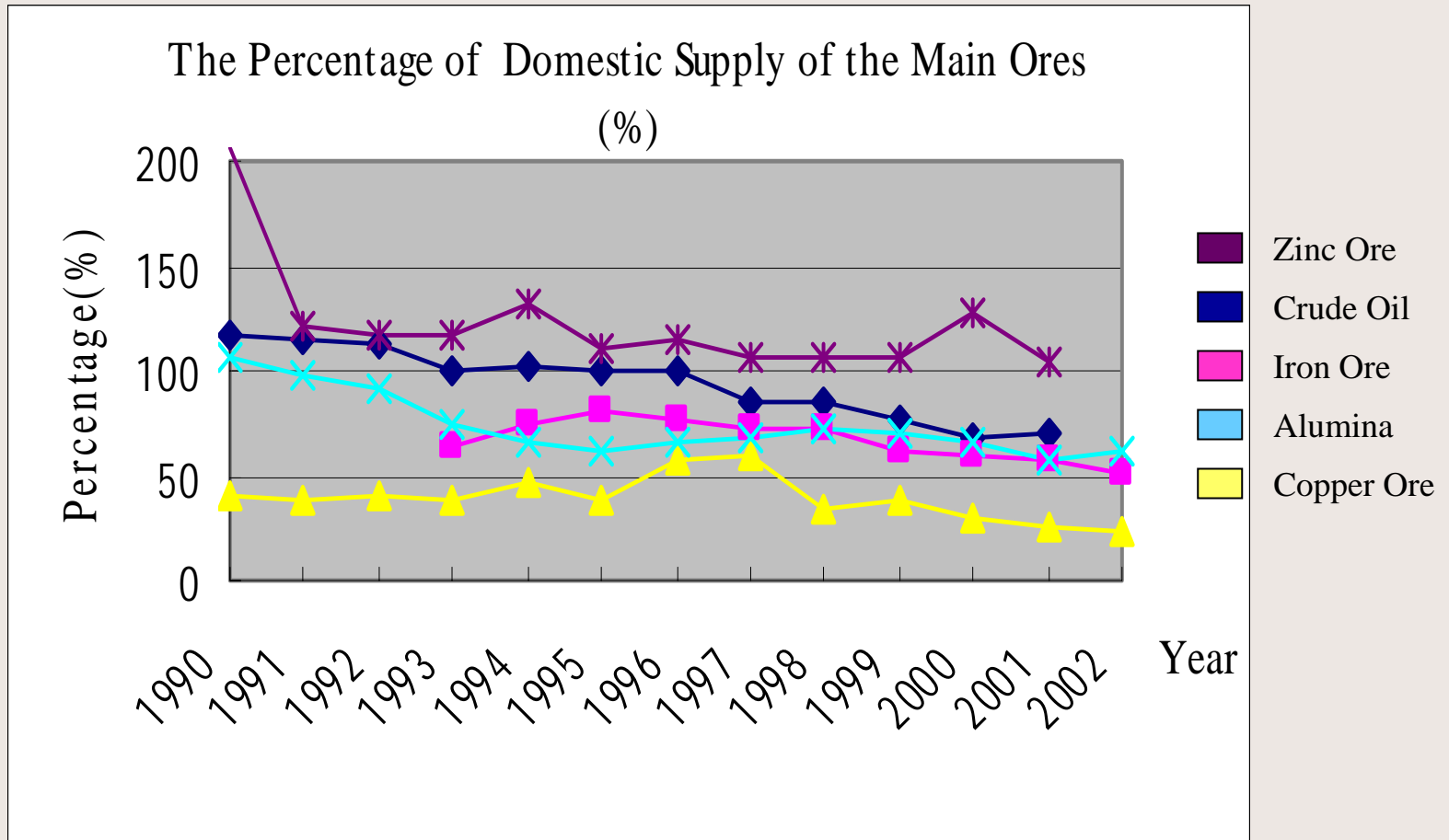
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-The problems we are facing.

- Resources shortage
- Environmental crisis
- Pressure from the economical development and the keep-increasing population

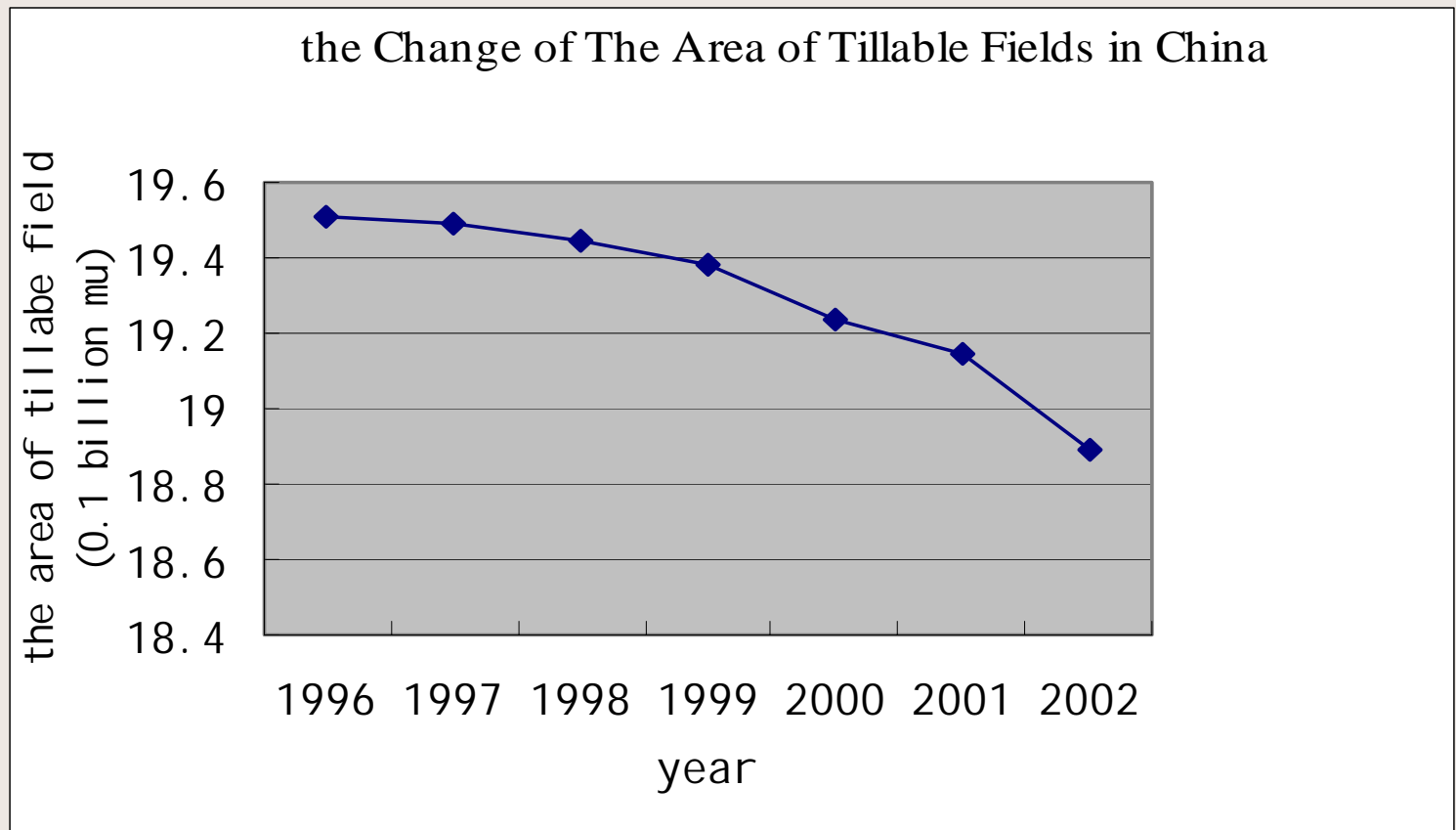
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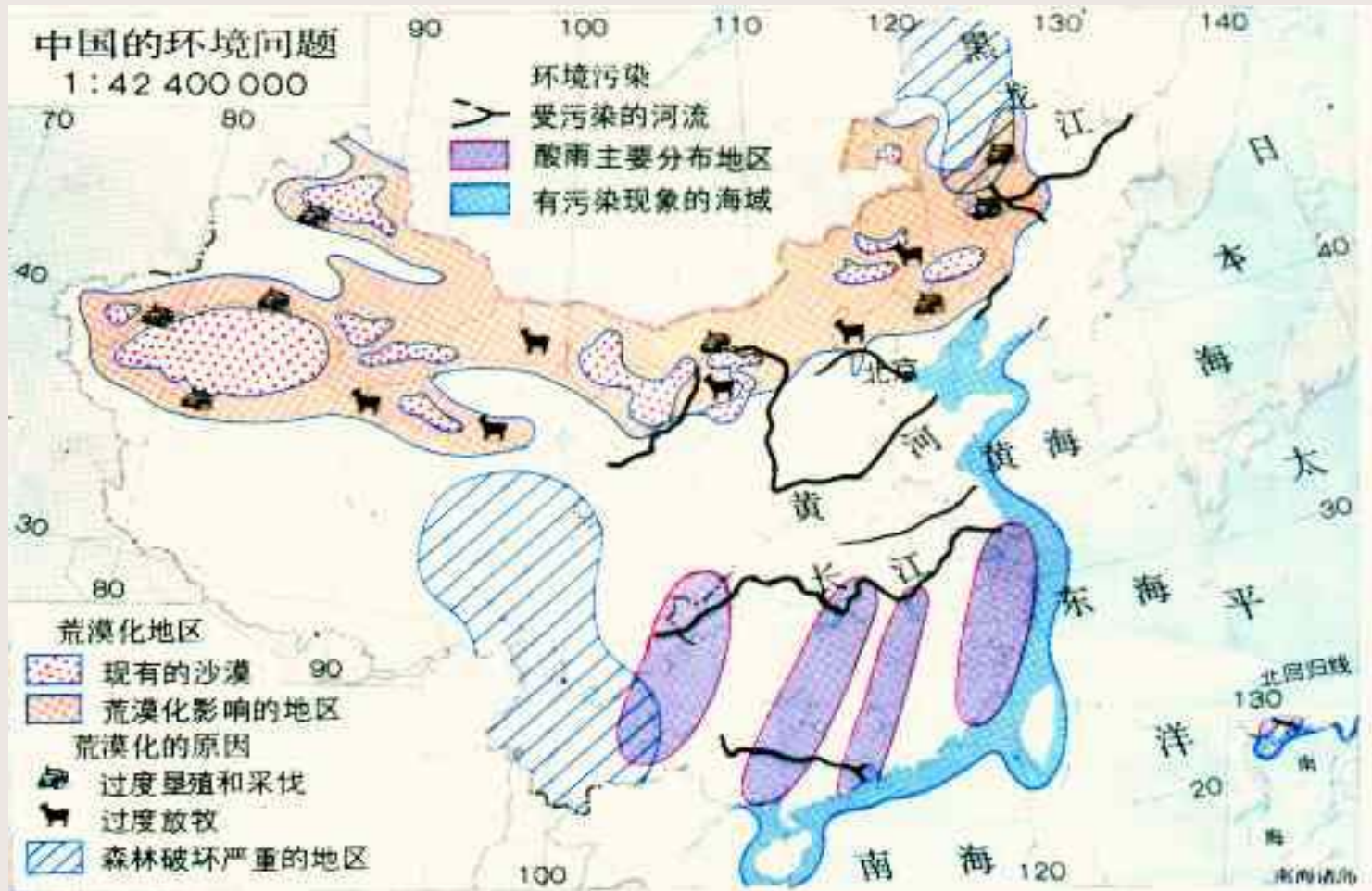
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- Resources shortage:



-The problems we are facing

• Environmental Crisis



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- Pressure from the economical development and the keep-increasing population, in 2020,
 - The GDP is predicted to be >4,000 billion \$;
 - The population will reach about 1.47 billion.

-The problems we are facing

- So that we should:

Using the Limited Resources to Meet the Demand of the Development

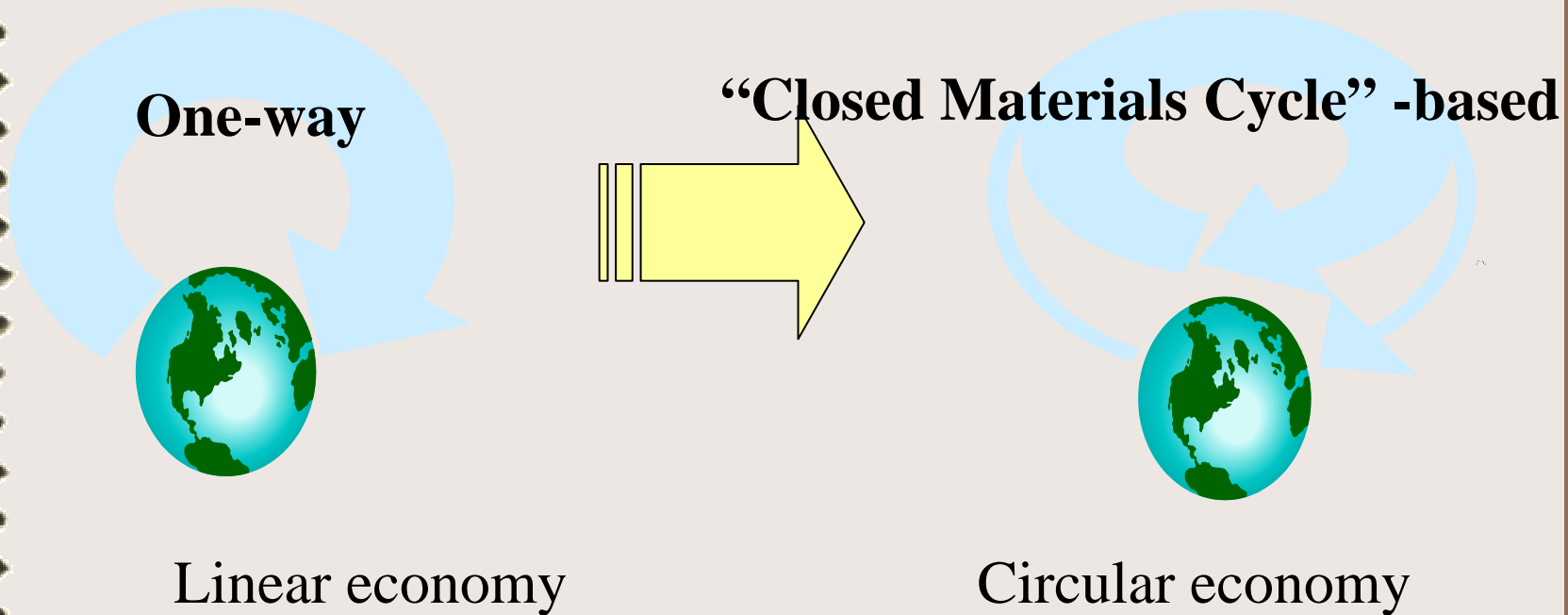
And **circular economy** is a possible way.

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-What's circular economy?



“Mass-production, mass-consumption
and mass-disposal”

-What's circular economy?

The main merits:

- To abate the extraction from nature
- To dramatically reduce the wastes

The limitations:

- Most of the materials can't be recycled
- Cost (Recycling is a energy-consuming and labor-consuming process)

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-What's circular economy?

- Then, is there any other way?

Sure!

Maybe it is:

- **To put nature (or other planet) into the cycle**
- **Etc...**

Circular Economy might be far from the best way, however, it's a possible way towards a sustainable future.

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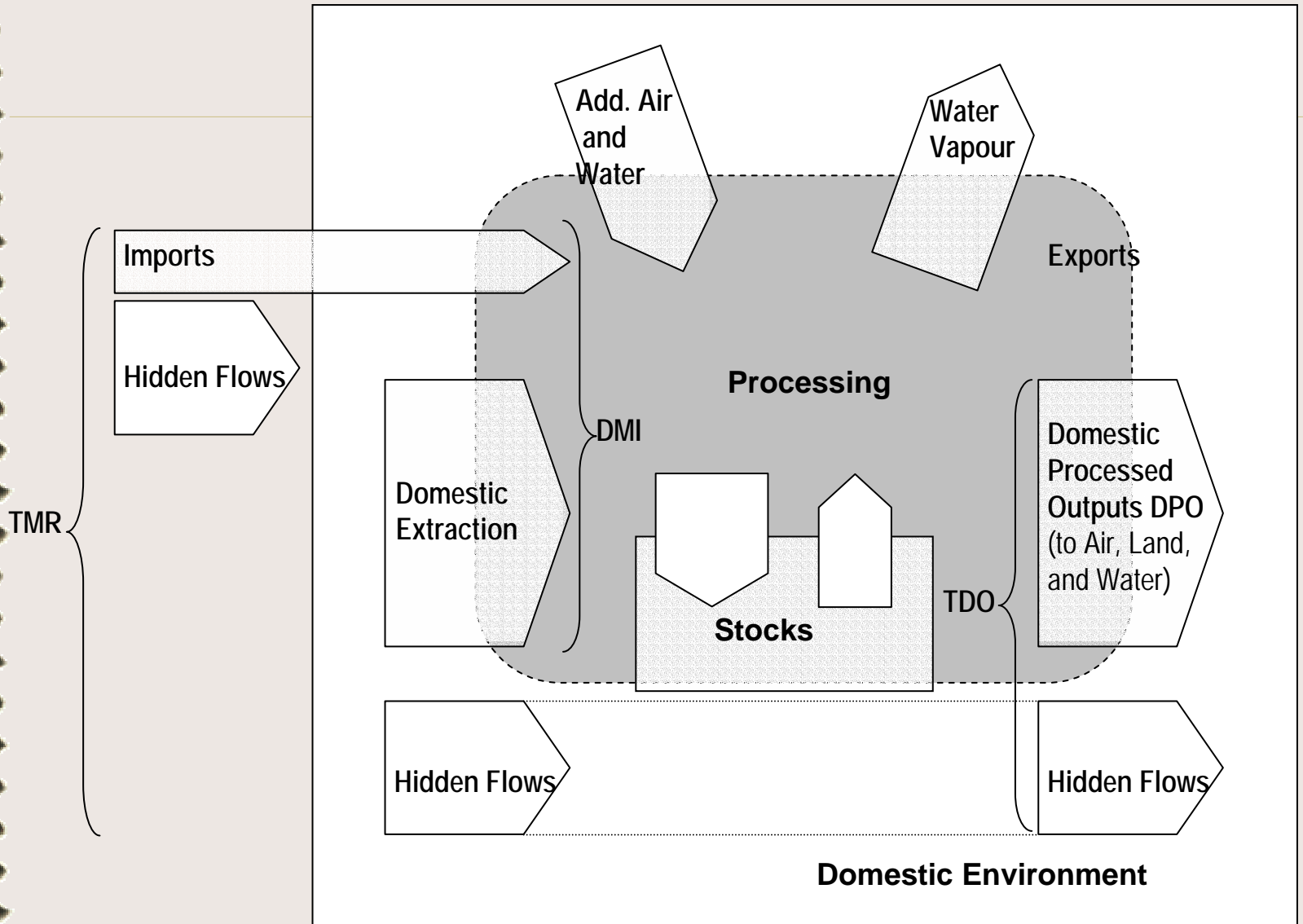
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-Main issues about circular economy

- **Issue 1: What does the material basis of our economy look like?**
- **Issue 2: How to make the materials closed?**
- **Issue 3: What are the side effects of circular economy?**
- **Issue 4: How to turn those ideas into practice?**

Issue 1: the material basis (only inputs and outputs)



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-Main issues about circular economy

- **Issue 2: How to close?**

Some basic theories of closing the material cycle:

- Eco-efficiency (For enterprises)
- Industrial Ecology (For Industries)
- Waste Resource Utilization (For whole society)

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-Main issues about circular economy

- **Issue 3: Side effects of circular economy**
 - Decreasing the diversity (Efficiency is harmful to the diversity)
 - Hampering innovation
 - Else.....

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-Main issues about circular economy

- **Issue 4: How to realize?**
 - **Government: constitute laws and regulations, Green Purchase...;**
 - **Industries: clean production, industrial ecology, ...**
 - **Citizens: use the products longer, actively participate in the reclaim process;**

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-What are we doing?

We have done some initiative work to establish circular economy, which mainly are:

- Research work
- Laws and regulations
- Demonstration

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-What are we doing?

Research work

- Basic theories of circular economy
- Material flow study
- Relevant technologies

-What are we doing?

Laws and Regulations

- *The Law for Clean Production*
- *The Law for Waste Recycling* (under constitution, mainly about the home appliances and used cars)

-What are we doing?

Demonstration Projects:

- Demonstration province/ city of Circular Economy: Liaoning Province and Guiyang City;
- about 10 Eco-industrial Parks
- Clean Productions among some enterprises

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-What are we doing?

**There remains a long way
for us to go ahead.....**

Thanks a lot!

Any recommendation or question is appreciated!