



JunHe LLP is a full-service firm with a market-leading projects and infrastructure team.

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## Public Utilities

**JunHe's lawyers have accumulated over 20 years of legal experience in public utilities in China, resulting in their leading position amongst their Chinese peers. Recently, JunHe expanded its services to overseas projects.**

Our legal practice in public utilities covers areas such as investment, financing, construction and operations in connection with urban gas, heating, water supply, sewage treatment, wastewater reclamation, domestic waste disposal, roads, bridges, rail transit, public parking lots and utility tunnels. The applicable laws that need to be observed include Land Administration Law, Urban and Rural Planning Law, Construction Law, Company Law, Civil Code, Administrative Law, Bid Invitation and Bidding Law, Government Procurement Law, Highway Law and Environment Protection Law, alongside the laws, regulations and regulatory documents governing the relevant industries. Our legal services involve practices regarding the allocation and utilization of natural resources, urban and rural planning and design, procedures for infrastructure construction, urban management, concession of municipal infrastructure and public utilities, environmental protection, labor, taxation and safety.

This area of practice is an active business scope for JunHe's Infrastructure and Project Finance team, and they have worked on many landmark projects. With the further marketization of this area, the promotion of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) approach, the standardized implementation of new mechanisms and the development of the Real Estate Investment Trust (REITS) business in China, JunHe's Banking and Finance, Capital Market, M&A and Dispute Resolution teams have all expanded their practice in this area. JunHe plays an active role in and contributes to the marketization of this area and the promotion of PPPs by participating in domestic legislation, formulating agreement templates and undertaking theoretical research.

**JunHe's legal services in urban public utilities projects include:**

- The design of overall legal structures of projects as well as the legal structure for its investment and finance;
- The application of BOT/TOT/BT/BOO within the Chinese legal system, especially after the promotion of PPP;
- Whole-process legal services (including the provision of legal advice and the preparation, review and negotiation of legal documents) for bid invitation and the bidding, competitive negotiation and government procurement procedures for the selection of investors, contractors and operators;
- Drafting, reviewing, negotiating and assisting in the closing of project financing documents;

JunHe, founded in Beijing in 1989, is one of the first private partnership law firms in China. Since its establishment, JunHe has grown to be a large and recognized Chinese law firm. The firm has fifteen offices around the world and a team comprised of more than a thousand professionals.



**Project Finance Law Firm of The Year: China**  
2025, 2024  
**Transport Deal of the Year - Bengal Dhaka Airport Highway Concession Project**  
2021  
*The Asset*

**Law Firm of the Year - Energy & Natural Resources**  
2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018  
**Deals of the Year - Yangtze Andes under China Yangtze Power Co-invests in South American Power Distribution**  
2021  
*China Business Law Journal: China Business Law Award/China Business Law Deals of the Year*

**Law Firm of the Year: Projects and Energy**  
2023  
*The Legal 500 China Awards*

**Energy and Projects Law Firm of the Year -China**  
2024  
**An Energy & Natural Resources Law Firm of the Year – China**  
2022  
*In-House Community*

**Energy & Resources Deal of the Year - The Coastal Areas - Investment by EDF in the Jiangsu Dongtai Offshore Wind Power Project**  
2021  
*ALB China Regional Law Awards: The Coastal Areas*

**Deals of the Year - Beijing - M&A - China Yangtze Power's \$3.6 Billion Acquisition of Luz Del Sur**  
2021  
*IFLR 1000 China Awards*

**Infrastructure Firm of the Year**  
2021  
**Impact Deal/Case of the Year - China Yangtze Power's Acquisition of the Largest Electricity Company in Peru**  
2021  
*asialaw Awards*

The achievements of our infrastructure and project financing team can be seen in many recent investments and developments such as the building of roads, bridges, water and power facilities that cover basic public needs. It is also reflected in the rise of environmental protection to improve the quality of life. The attracting of foreign investment, the adoption and standardized implementation of project financing and the PPP model all point to the team's development. Other noteworthy developments include the rise in the "going out" of Chinese enterprises, the gradual implementation of the "One Belt One Road" initiative, and the necessary adjustments undertaken in the development of "dual circulation".

**Their (JunHe's) expertise in infrastructure and energy project development and financing is sought by domestic corporations and investors.**

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- Comprehensive legal consultancy for the construction and operational phases of projects, including reviewing and advising on engineering contracts, construction contracts, procurement contracts, EPC contracts, construction agency contracts, entrusted operation contracts, operation service contracts and other legal documents;
- Legal services for project assets securitization (including ABS, REITS);
- Dispute resolution including consulting on and acting as the agent in administrative litigation, civil litigation and arbitration.

#### Selected Deals

##### The Beijing No.10 Water Plant Project (2000-2018)

JunHe's lawyers acted as the PRC legal counsel to the Commission of Bid Invitation for International Investors regarding the concession of a project on behalf of Beijing Municipal Government, and afterwards advised Beijing Public Utility Bureau, Beijing Municipal Administration Commission (now Beijing Municipal Commission of City Management) and Beijing Water Authority in the international bid invitation and the bidding, restructuring, financing and revision of the agreements for the project.

##### The Acquisition of a large Swedish Environment Water Company by the Beijing Drainage Group Company and a Subordinate Fund of a State Development and Investment Company, Jointly Establishing a Company and a Fund (2013-2015)

JunHe advised on behalf of the founders of the Fund and, at the later stage, the Fund and led the legal team (comprising inter alia Swedish and Luxembourg lawyers), in examining, reviewing and revising all of the English legal documents, conducting legal due diligence, and participating in the negotiations of the major acquisition documents during the entire process. They further advised on the establishment and acquisition of a shell company, and the establishment of an SPV for the purpose of closing, as well as the financing and guaranteeing of the target company and its restructuring.

##### Beijing Nangong Domestic Waste Incineration Power Plant Concession (2005-2017)

This was a financial cooperation within the Sino-German Financial Operation Framework. Since March 2005, the government and its entrusted construction agent have engaged JunHe's lawyers to advise on the international invitation for bid, the performance of the contracts and dispute resolution regarding the project, up to the signature and execution of the project concession agreement.

##### Xiamen Olympic Sports Center (2023)

JunHe advised CR Culture Sports on the transaction documents, the contract negotiations and communications. The Xiamen Olympic Sports Center takes up an area of 666,400 square meters, with a total construction area of 533,000 square meters and includes a stadium, two gymnasiums and supporting facilities.

##### Shenzhen Bay Culture Square Zone BC Cultural Facility Franchise (2024-2025)

JunHe acted on behalf of a government advisory body and provided legal services for the project, which was the first project in China's large-scale cultural facility sector to adopt a franchise model under the new PPP mechanism.