

# China to raise Three Gorges' reservoir level to full capacity

This year's trial run to raise the water level in China's Three Gorges' reservoir to 175 meters officially entered the final "1 meter" stage on Oct. 18, 2011.

The water level of the Three Gorges reached 174.03 meters at 3 p.m. yesterday, only 0.97 meter lower than the dam's full capacity of 175 meters.

According to the China Three Gorges Corp (CTGC), the operator of China's largest water control program, the reservoir level is expected to reach 175 meters by the end of this month.

It will mark the second time that China raises the Three Gorges' reservoir level to 175 meters since the country managed to do so in October, 2010.

The 2011 175m Experimental Storage Project of the Three Gorges started in September.

Up to the present, everything from the main buildings to the navigation lock has run smoothly.

The Three Gorges Project, initiated in 1993, is a multi-functional water control system built on the upper and middle reaches of China's longest waterway, the Yangtze River.

Its key functions are flood control, power generation, water supplies and shipping service.

The project is expected to fully play its multifunctional roles after the water level reaches 175 meters.

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