Unmasking the issue of air pollution in China

With unhealthy air pollution levels on the rise in the Chinese megacity, Beijing, IOM led an integrated multidisciplinary study utilizing expertise from exposure science, epidemiology, toxicology and toxicogenomics.

IOM studied the effectiveness of readily available face masks to protect people against deadly air pollution, the result: improved information on how to choose, how to wear and how to fit face masks is available and is frequently circulated by the global media amongst the public – raising awareness of face masks protection limits.

IOM continues to rally and work with international governments and agencies to better understand and manage the sources of air pollution to improve the quality of air breathed by citizens.