Water Drafting 徵水 (Concept 1)

Beijing has turned itself from a water rich to a water scarce city, demanding water from out of town and other provinces. The fragile white paper boats are mourning their unbearable weight they have to bear - I.e. The ecologically, socially and economically Sacrifices a place has to make. The red seals replicated those used in the old imperial days. 北京從有水變冇水, 但其特別的地位讓她像從前的皇權一樣, 能獲得特別照顧. 白色脆弱的船,在盛載著不能乘載的重.

The sealing strips read: Water exclusive for Beijing.
Sealed by the Water Services Dept on 3 Jan 2010.
Then the corresponding txt from imperial days calling BJ the city the by the Order of Heavans.

Each of these paper boats is carrying an 80 litre box, which will be filled with water if in a real installation, According to WWO, this is the amount of water a person needed for maintaining hygiene and health.
80公升是人的每天需用水.

Water Drafting 徵水(Concept 2)

On one side of each boat, it was painted a pattern which mixed in symbols of the imperial China. With modern symbols associated with state power including the Bird's Nest and the Water Cube. The other side retained the original unbleached white. 古今相混的圖案: 龍紋,水立方, 鳥巢

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