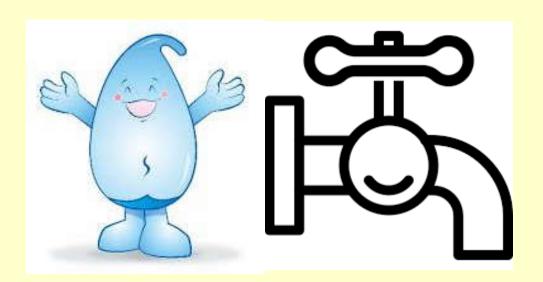
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### **Cold Water Supply**



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## Water supply in Hong Kong



- Early history of water supply in Hong Kong
  - 1851: sinking of 5 wells in the "City of Victoria"
  - 1860: tanks constructed at Bonham Road
  - 1863: Pok Fu Lam Reservoir (first one)
  - 1889: Tai Tam Reservoir
  - 1910: Kowloon Reservoir
  - 1917: Tai Tam Tuk Reservoir
  - 1937: Shing Mun Reservoir





Video: TVB HK Historical Site's feature story on water supplies history (7 June 2020) 無綫電視《探 古尋源》供水歷史專題故事(2020年6月7日)

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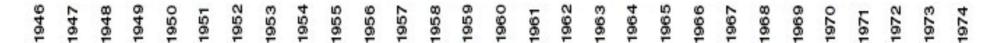




- Milestones of Hong Kong Water Supply
  - https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/about-us/our-milestone/
  - Water wells & water streams
  - Building of reservoirs (for storing rainwater)
  - Droughts & hygiene conditions
  - Water rationing
  - Import water from Mainland China (Dongjang)
  - Desalination technology
  - Reclaimed water & seawater for flushing



### History of water supply in Hong Kong (1946-2007)





1957
Use of seawater
for toilet flushing in
Shek Kip Mei and Lei
Cheng Uk Estate



1960 Water Supply Agreement with Guangdong Supply from Shenzhen Reservoir



1963 Completion of Shek Pik Reservoir 24.5 mcm capacity



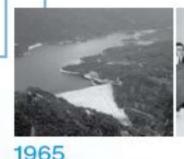
1968
Completion of Plover Cove
Scheme and
Extension in 1973
230 mcm capacity



1959
Completion of
Tai Lam Chung Reservoir
20.5 mcm capacity



June 1963 - May 1964
Severe Water Rationing
4 hours of supply every 4 days



Completion of Lower Shing Mun Reservoir 4.3 mcm capacity

#### 1965

Water Supply Agreement with Guangdong 68.2 mcm/year of Dongjiang water supply

### History of water supply in Hong Kong (1946-2007) (cont'd)



1978
Completion of High Island Scheme
281 mcm capacity



Water Supply Agreement with Guangdong Maximum 1,100 mcm/year of Dongjiang water supply



2006
Water Supply Agreement
with Guangdong
Flexible supply of Dongjiang water



1981-1982 Last water rationing in Hong Kong



2003
Commissioning of 83km dedicated aqueduct for delivery of Dongjiang water

1990 1988 





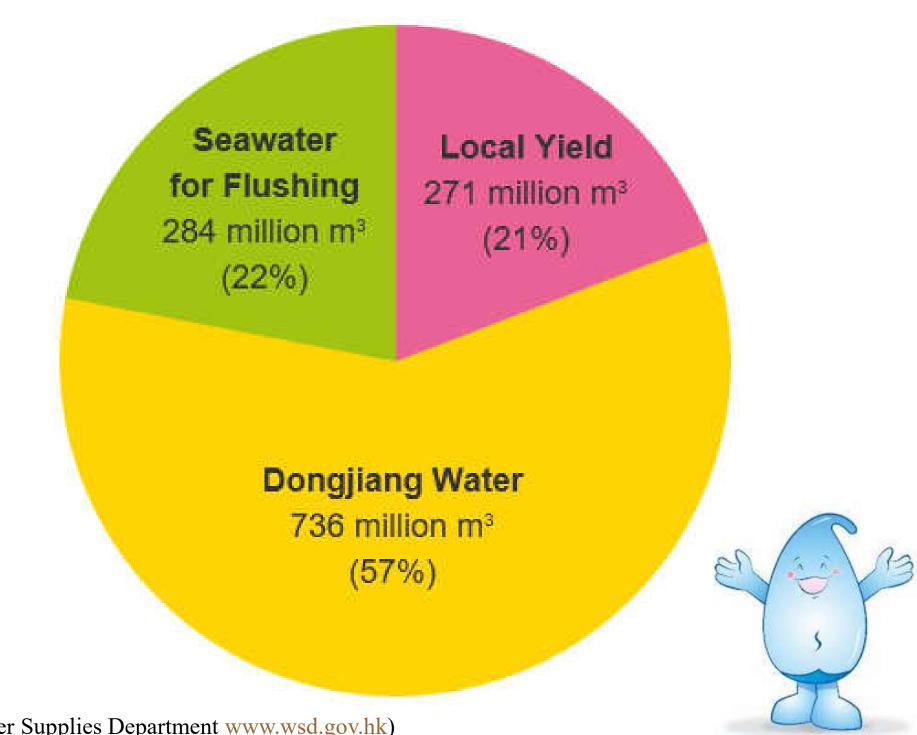
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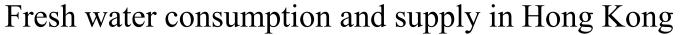


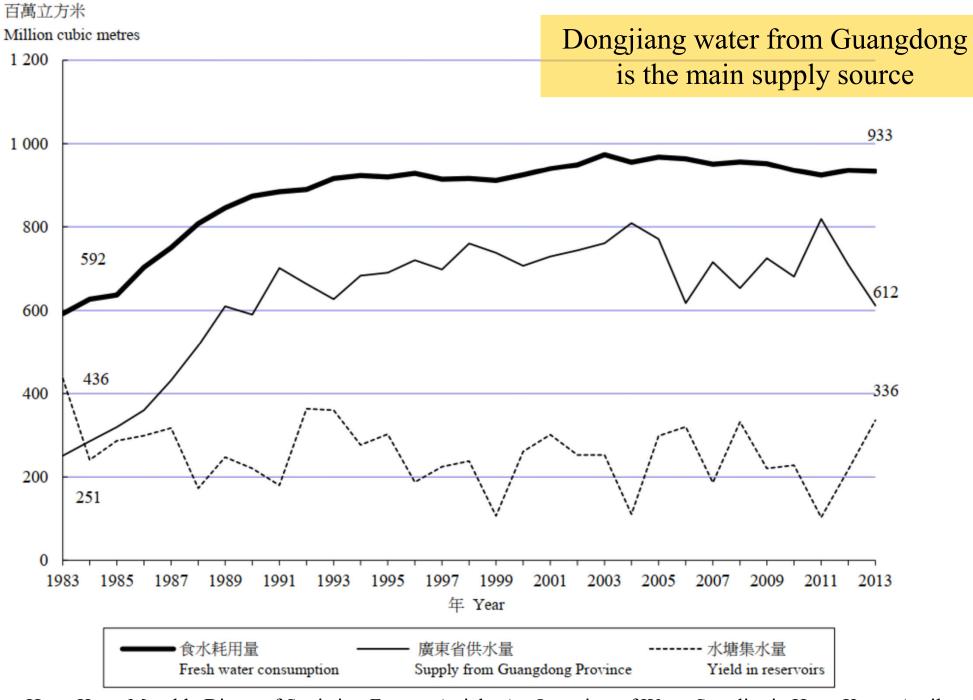
- To plan & manage water resources & water supply systems
- To design & construct waterworks projects
- To operate & maintain water supply & distribution systems
- To control the quality of water supply to customers
- To enforce the Waterworks Ordinance & Regulations
  - Include vetting plumbing proposals for buildings (from 'Licensed Plumbers')
- Water resources in HK
  - Rainfall from natural catchment + supply from Guangdong
    - 70% of water demand is now met by water from Dongjiang River
  - Sea water for flushing toilets (for over 80% population)

(See also: Water Resources https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/core-businesses/water-resources/)

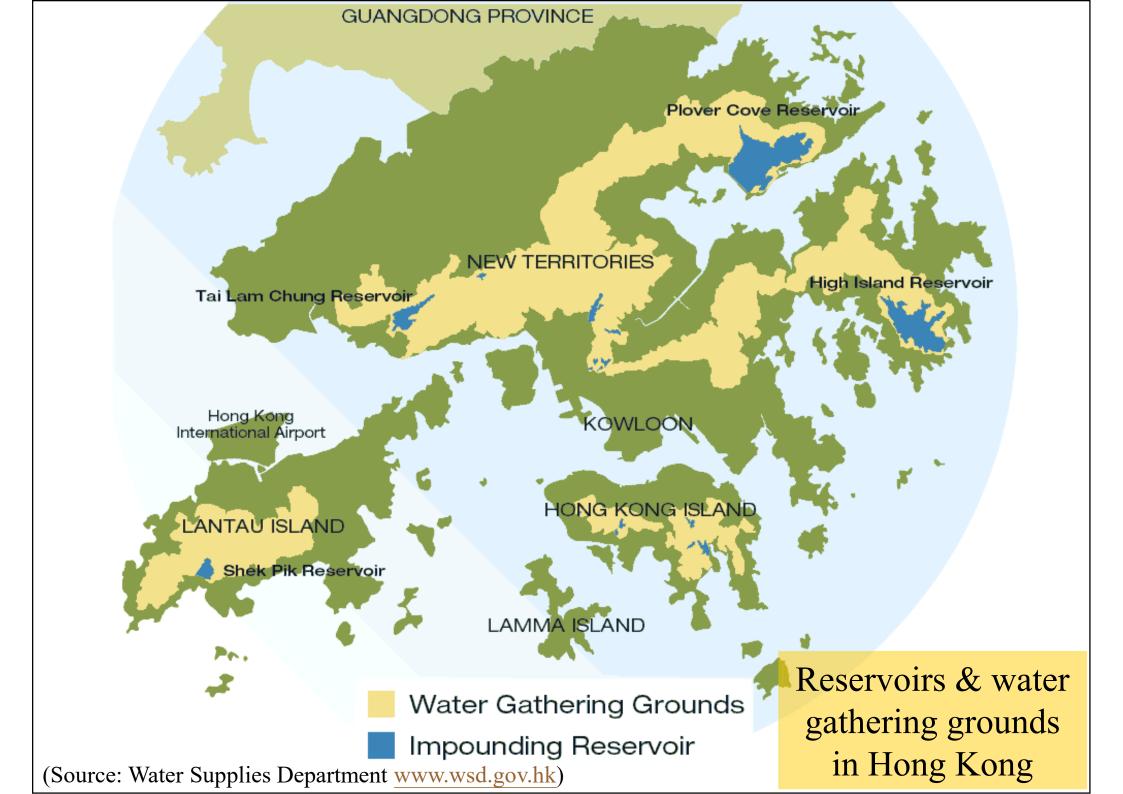
Water consumption in Hong Kong in 2018 (1.292 billion m<sup>3</sup>)

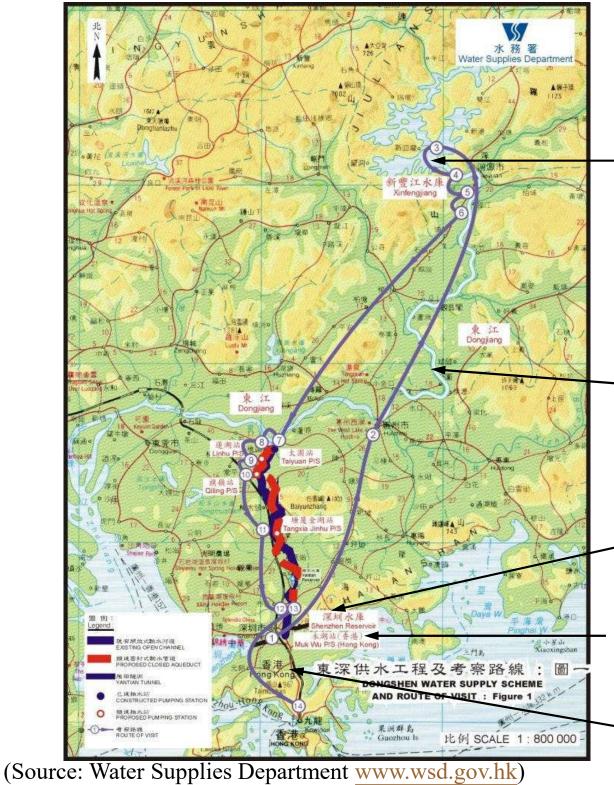






(Source: Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics, Feature Article: An Overview of Water Supplies in Hong Kong, April 2015. https://www.statistics.gov.hk/pub/B71504FB2015XXXXB0100.pdf)





Xinfengjiang Reservoir 新豐江水庫

Dongjiang 東江

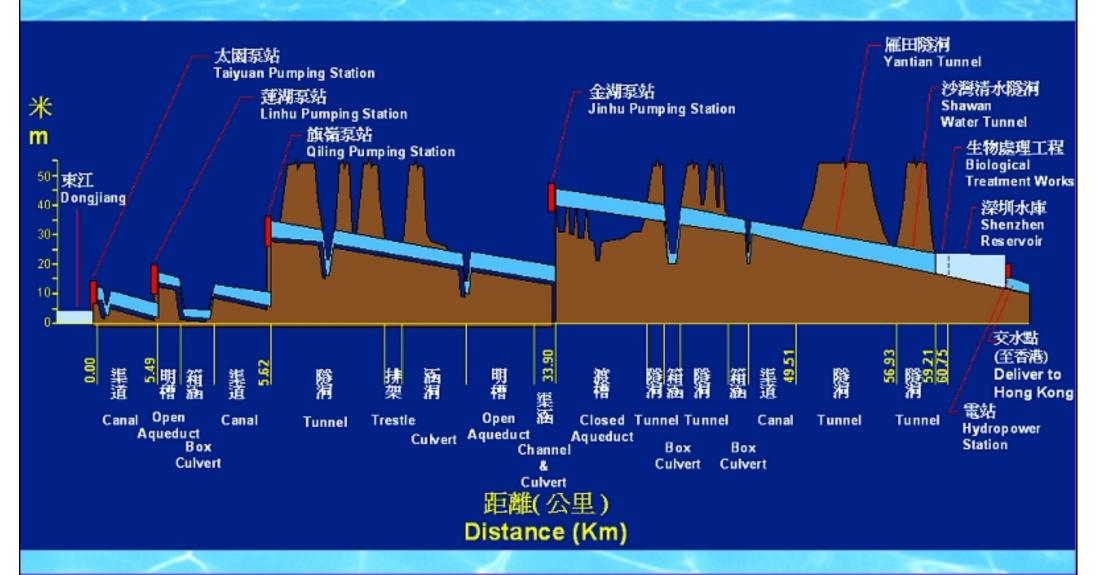
Shenzhen Reservoir 深圳水庫

Muk Wu Pump Station (HK) 木湖泵站(香港)

Water pipes along the railway line

### 東深供水系統-密封式輸水管道(縱切面)

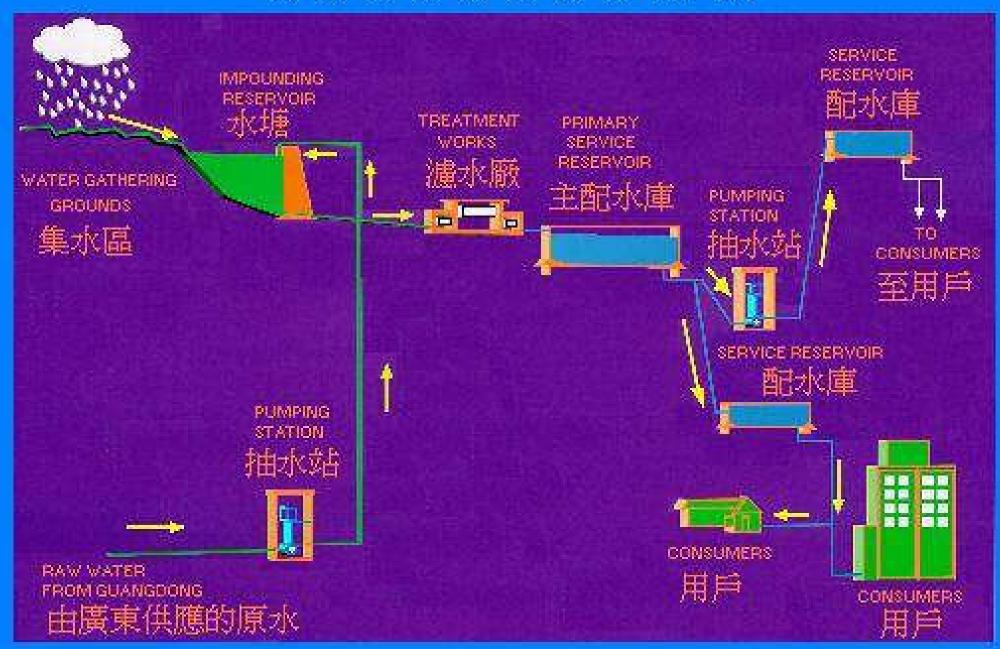
Dongshen Water Supply System – Closed Aqueduct (Longitudinal Section)

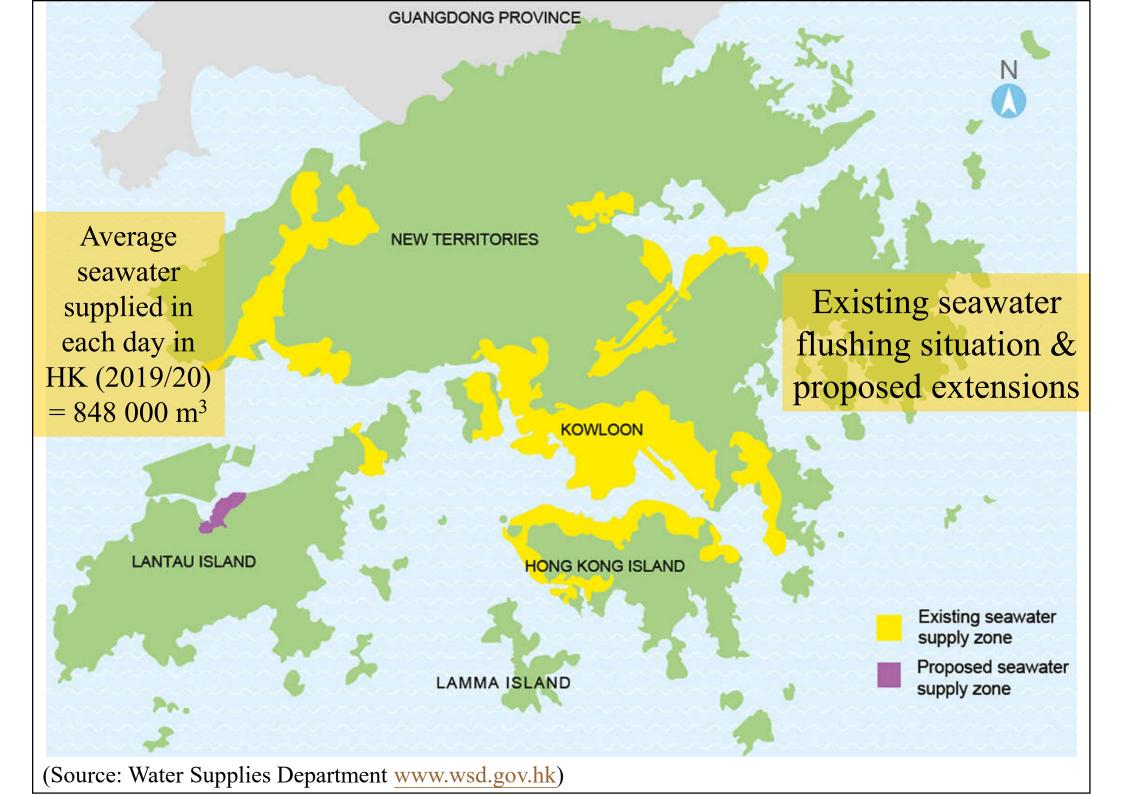


#### Principal water supply system in Hong Kong

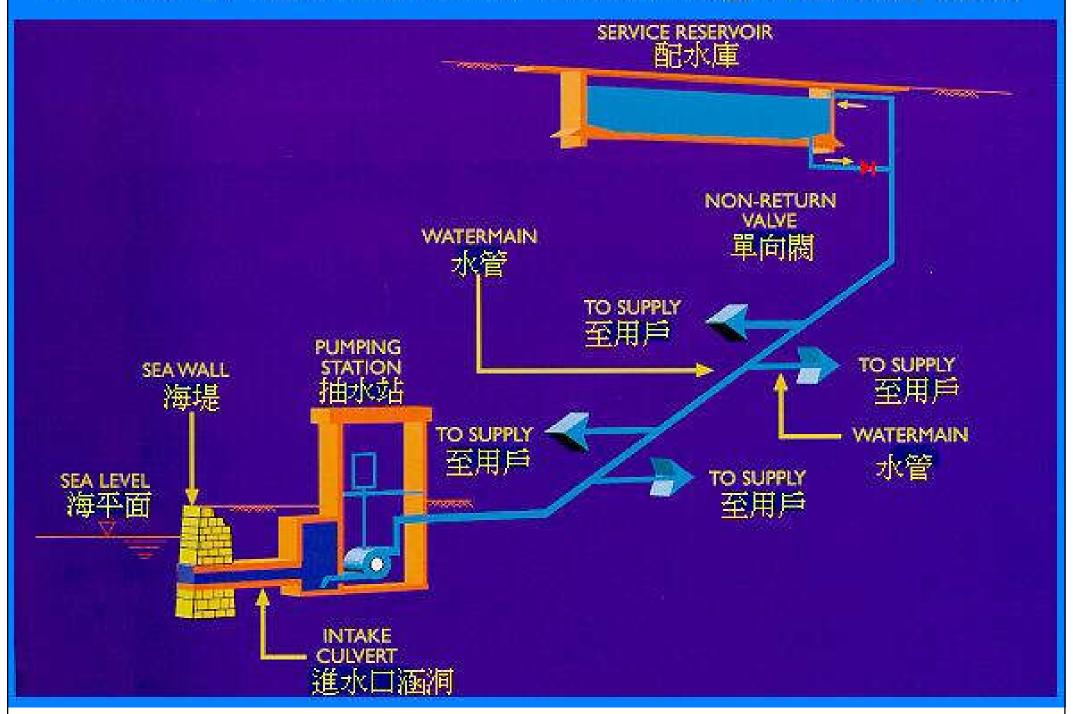


### A TYPICAL FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM (SCHEMATIC) 典型食水供水系統(概要)





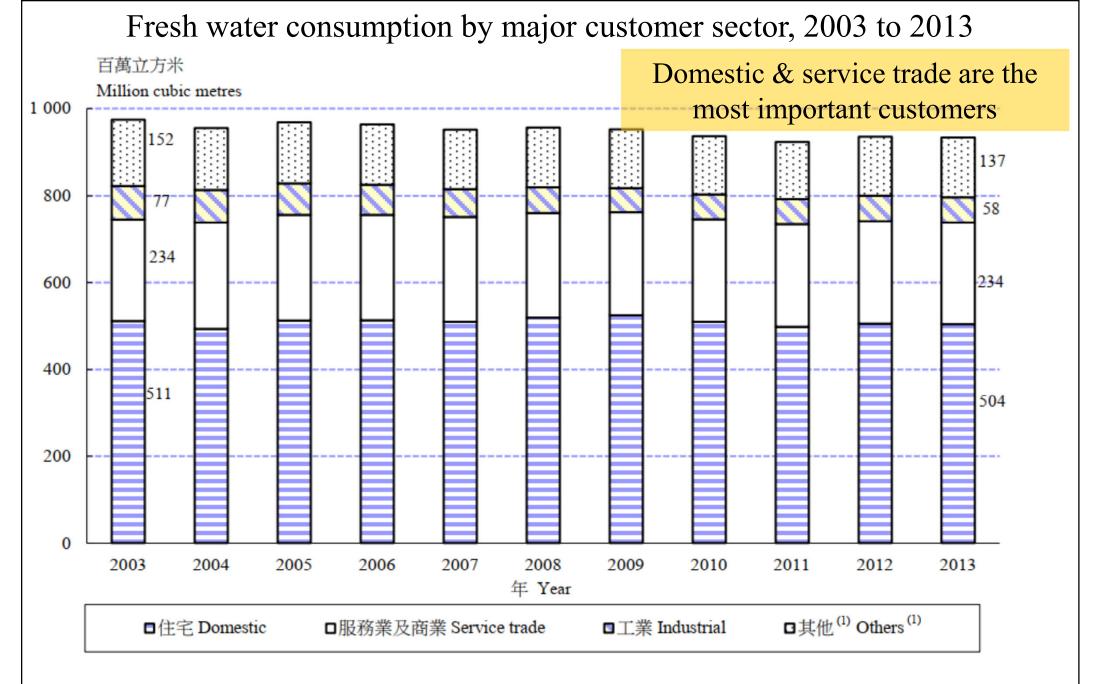
#### A TYPICAL SEA WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM (SCHEMATIC) 典型海水供水系統(概要)



#### Waterworks installations in Hong Kong

WATERWORKS INSTALLATIONS: (as at 31 March 2020)		水 務 設 施 : (截至2020年3月31日止)	
Impounding Reservoirs  Total storage capacity	17 nos. 586.05 Mm <sup>3</sup>	水 塘 <i>總 容 量</i>	17個 586.05百萬立方米
Water Treatment Works Total capacity	20 nos. 4.68 Mm³/d	濾 水 廠 日 產 量	20座 4.68百萬立方米
Pumping Stations / Houses Fresh Water Total installed capacity Salt Water Total installed capacity Fresh Water and Salt Water (Combined) Total installed capacity	151 nos. 32.14 Mm³/d 35 nos. 2.09 Mm³/d 7 nos. 0.30 Mm³/d	抽 水 站/ 泵 房 食 水 日 產 量 (裝機容量計) 海 水 日 產 量 (裝機容量計) 食 水 及 海 水 (合併) 日 產 量 (裝機容量計)	151座 32.14百萬立方米 35座 2.09百萬立方米 7 座 0.30百萬立方米
Service Reservoirs Fresh Water Total storage capacity Salt Water Total storage capacity	178 nos. 4.35 Mm <sup>3</sup> 54 nos. 0.26 Mm <sup>3</sup>	配 水 庫 食 水	178座 4.35百萬立方米 54座 0.26百萬立方米
Water Mains Fresh Water (20mm - 2,400mm diameter) Salt Water (20mm - 1,200mm diameter)		水 管 食 水 (直徑 20 毫米 - 2,400 毫米) 海 水 (直徑 20 毫米 - 1,200 毫米)	
Catchwater	120 km	引 水 道	120公里
Water Tunnel	199 km	輸水隧道	199公里
(Mm³ - million cubic metre)			

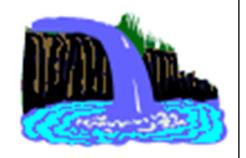
(Source: Water Supplies Department <a href="www.wsd.gov.hk">www.wsd.gov.hk</a>)



註釋: (1) 包括政府單位、建築地盤及船舶用水,以及淡水 沖廁用水。

Note: (1) Including fresh water consumption of government units, construction sites and ships, and for flushing.

(Source: Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics, Feature Article: An Overview of Water Supplies in Hong Kong, April 2015. https://www.statistics.gov.hk/pub/B71504FB2015XXXXB0100.pdf)



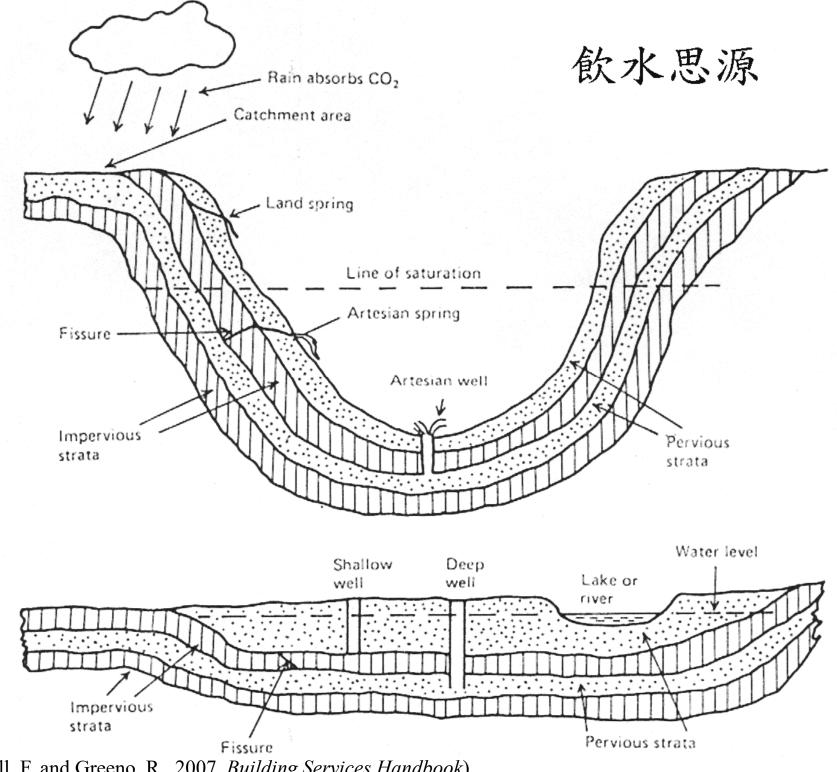
- Surface & underground water sources:
  - Shallow wells
    - Sinkings in top water-bearing strata
  - Intermittent or land springs
    - From top water-bearing strata
  - Deep wells
    - Sinkings below the first impervious strata
  - Artesian wells and springs
    - The same source as deep wells
  - Lakes & rivers
    - Catchment of surface and subsoil water

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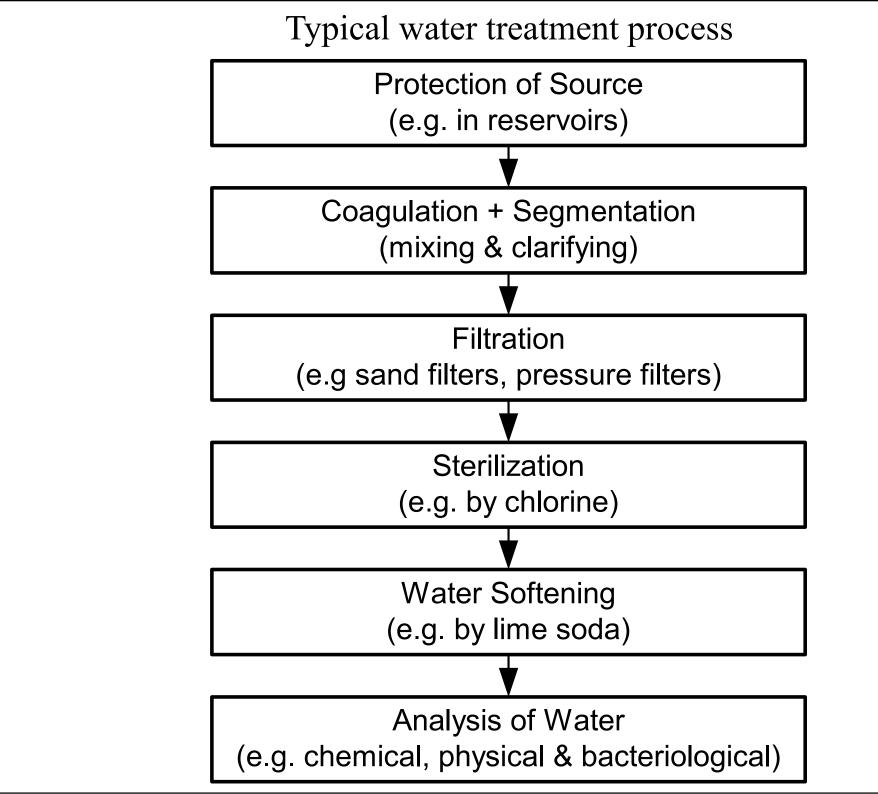
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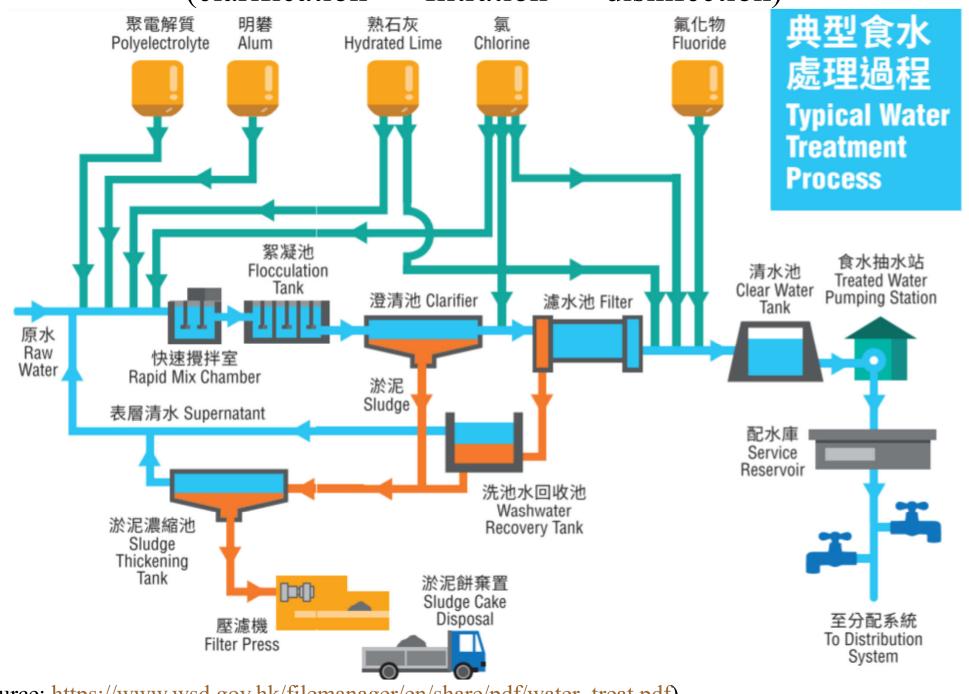


- Water for human consumption must be:
  - Free from harmful bacteria & suspended matter
  - Colourless
  - Pleasant to taste
  - For health reasons, moderately 'hard' (CaCO<sub>3</sub>)
- Water storage & treatment process to ensure good water quality
  - Complies with World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines for drinking water\*

(\* Available at https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241549950)



Typical water treatment process in Hong Kong (clarification >> filtration >> disinfection)



(Source: https://www.wsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/share/pdf/water\_treat.pdf)



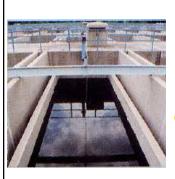


- Water treatment process in HK
  - 1. Raw water
    - Comes from different sources, including reservoir(s) and Dongjiang water of Guangdong
  - 2. Mixing
    - Raw water is dosed at the mixing chamber with
      - Hydrated lime to precondition the raw water
      - Chlorine to control algae
      - Alum to coagulate impurities
      - Polyelectrolyte to improve the coagulation and flocculation of impurities

(See also: https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/core-businesses/operation-and-maintenance-of-waterworks/water-treatment/)



- Water treatment process in HK (cont'd)
  - 3. Flocculation and Sedimentation
    - After mixing, water is passed to the clarifiers where coagulation and flocculation of the impurities in the water will occur
    - The dissolved alum coagulate impurities in the water into large particles where settle as sludge
    - The sludge is collected and conveyed to sludge thickening tanks for further treatment before disposal

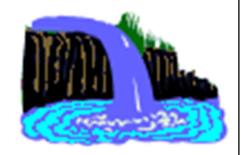




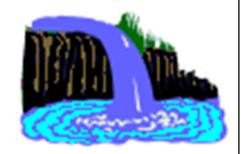
- Water treatment process in HK (cont'd)
  - 4. Rapid Gravity Filtration



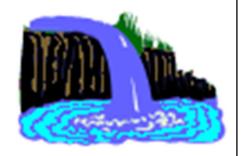
- Settled water from the clarifiers flows to the constant rate sand filters for removal of more finely divided suspensions
- Periodically the filter beds are cleaned by backwashing with air and then water
- 5. Clear Water Tanks
  - Chorine, fluoride and lime are dosed into the filtered water in the contact tanks and disinfect, fluoridate and control the alkalinity of the final treated water
  - The treated water is stored in the clear water tank before conveying to service reservoirs for distribution to people



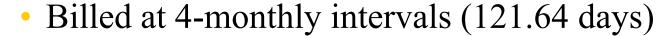
- Water treatment process in HK (cont'd)
  - 6. Pumping Facilities
    - Pumping station in the treatment to pump the water to the distribution
  - 7. Environmental Friendly Facilities
- The washwater is collected in the recovery tanks for repumping to the inlet for recycling
  - Sludge produced is thickened by three circular sludge thickening tank using electrolyte as coagulant
  - Thickened sludge is compressed by membrane type filter presses into cakes for disposal at landlfill sites



- Water treatment process in HK (cont'd)
  - 8. Water Quality Control
    - The quality of water is closely monitored by means of chemical, bacteriological and biological examinations of water samples taken
    - To comply with the Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality recommended by WHO, to ensure a safe and wholesome potable supply



- Water charges in Hong Kong
  - Domestic supplies

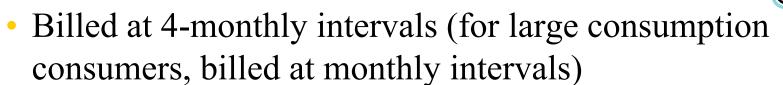


- 4 tiers with progressively increasing prices
- To discourage excessive and unnecessary use of water
- First tier: 12 cubic metres: free of charge
- Second tier: 31 cubic metres: \$4.16 per cubic metre
- Third tier: 19 cubic metres: \$6.45 per cubic metre
- Fourth tier: > 62 cubic metres: \$9.05 per cubic metre





- Water charges in Hong Kong (cont'd)
  - Non-domestic supplies



- At a flat rate dependent on the purpose of the supply
- For trade: \$4.58 per cubic metre
- For construction: \$7.11 per cubic metre
- For non ocean-going shipping: \$4.58 per cubic metre
- For ocean-going shipping: \$10.93 per cubic metre



- Water charges in Hong Kong (cont'd)

- Flushing supplies
  - Sea water supply for flushing is free of charge
  - Fresh water supply for flushing is usually billed at 4-monthly intervals
    - First tier: 30 cubic metres per flat: free of charge
    - Second tier: > 30 cubic metres per flat: \$4.58 per cubic metre
  - Only one meter installed in each building to record the total consumption of all flats in the same building
    - Billed separately to the management office, agent, incorporated owner or development company

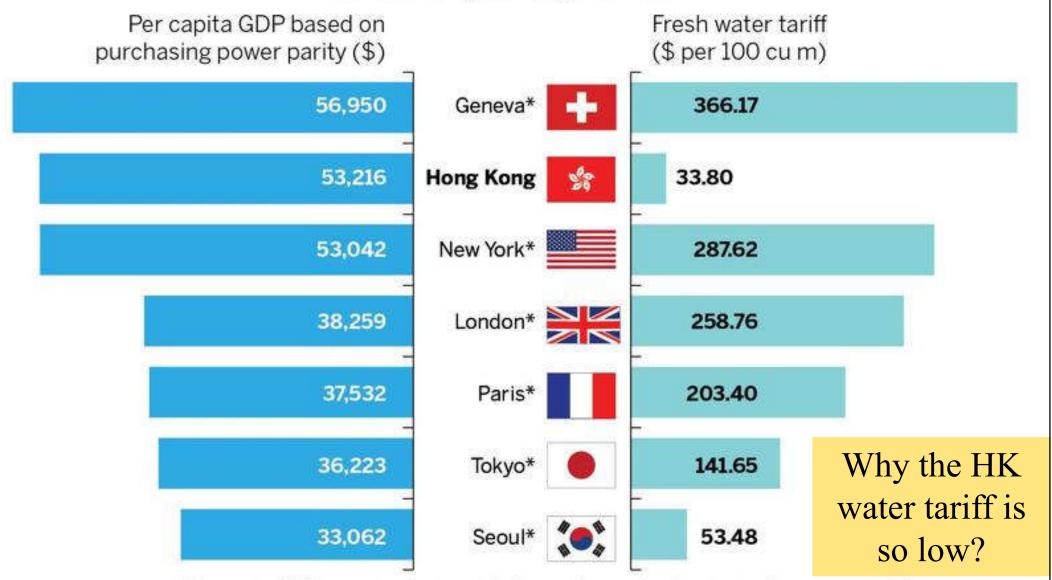


Water charges in Hong Kong (cont'd)



- Sewage charges
  - For domestic consumers: at a 4-month interval: \$2.92 per cubic metre, with an exemption for the first 12 cubic metres
  - For trade, business and manufacture consumers: \$2.92 per cubic metre. Some trades are eligible for 30% discount (e.g. bleaching & dyeing, restaurants, softdrinks & ice-making industries)
  - For 27 types of trade/business/manufacture which discharge trade effluent, the consumer shall also pay a Trade Effluent Surcharge

# HK water tariff is much less than that in cities of comparable or lower per capita GDP



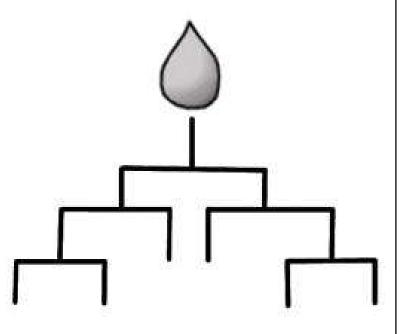
<sup>\*</sup> Per capita GDP is country/region-wide figure whereas fresh water tariff is city-specific figure.

(Source: https://www.chinadailyhk.com/articles/70/137/218/1509961687569.html)

## Water supply distribution

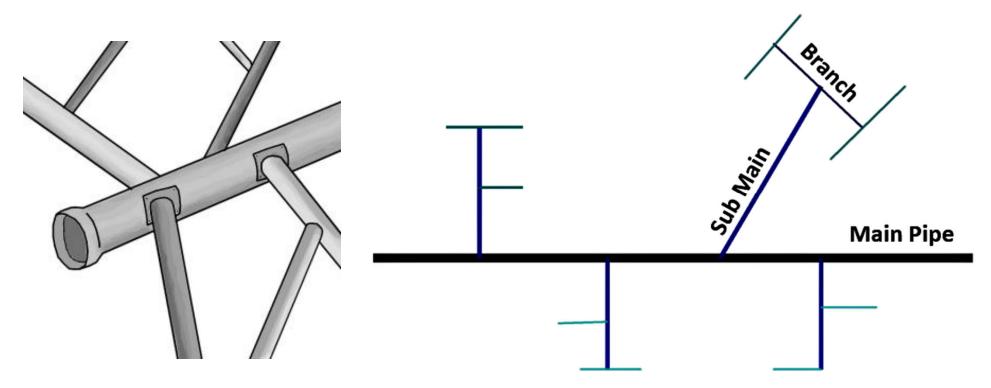


- Distribution network of water supply
  - Main reservoir
  - Pumping stations
  - Water treatment plants
  - Pumping substations
  - Service reservoirs
  - Trunk mains or service trunks
  - Street mains or water mains (into buildings)
- For fresh/flushing water supply & fire services



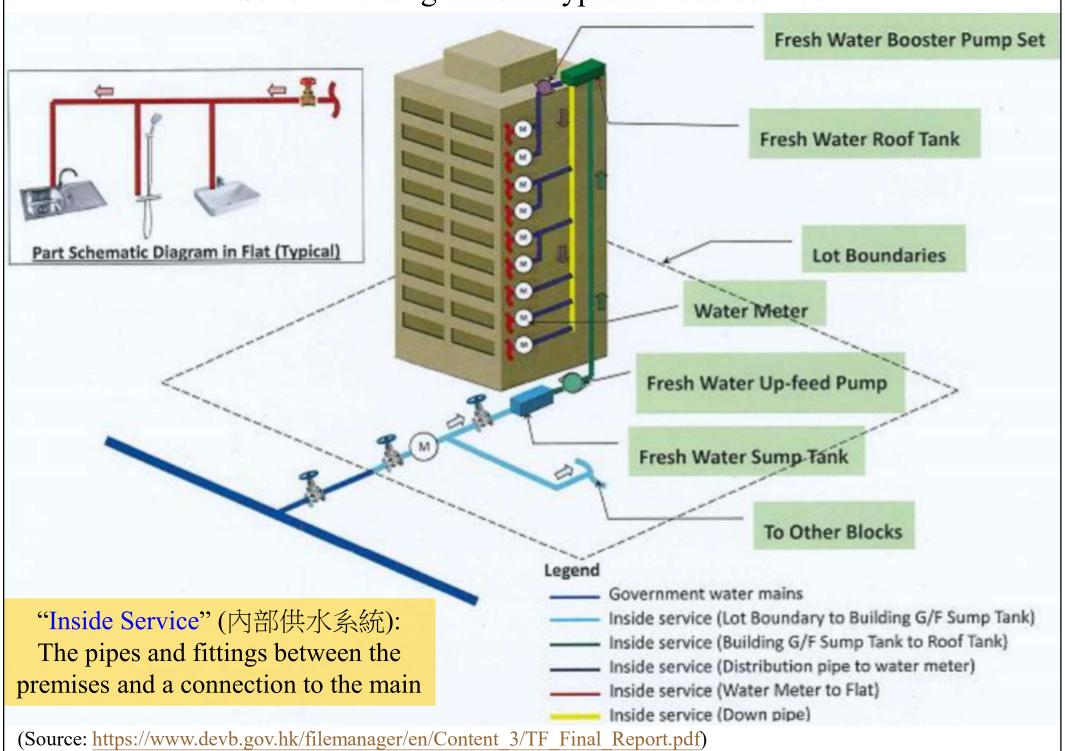
#### Three categories of water supply mains

(a) Trunk mains	Generally described as those which convey water from a source of supply (reservoir, pumping station etc.) to a district without supplying consumers en route
(b) Secondary mains	The distribution mains in any district, usually fed from a trunk main and supplying the consumers' connections in the district
(c) Service pipes	The branch supplies from the secondary mains which serve individual consumers or premises

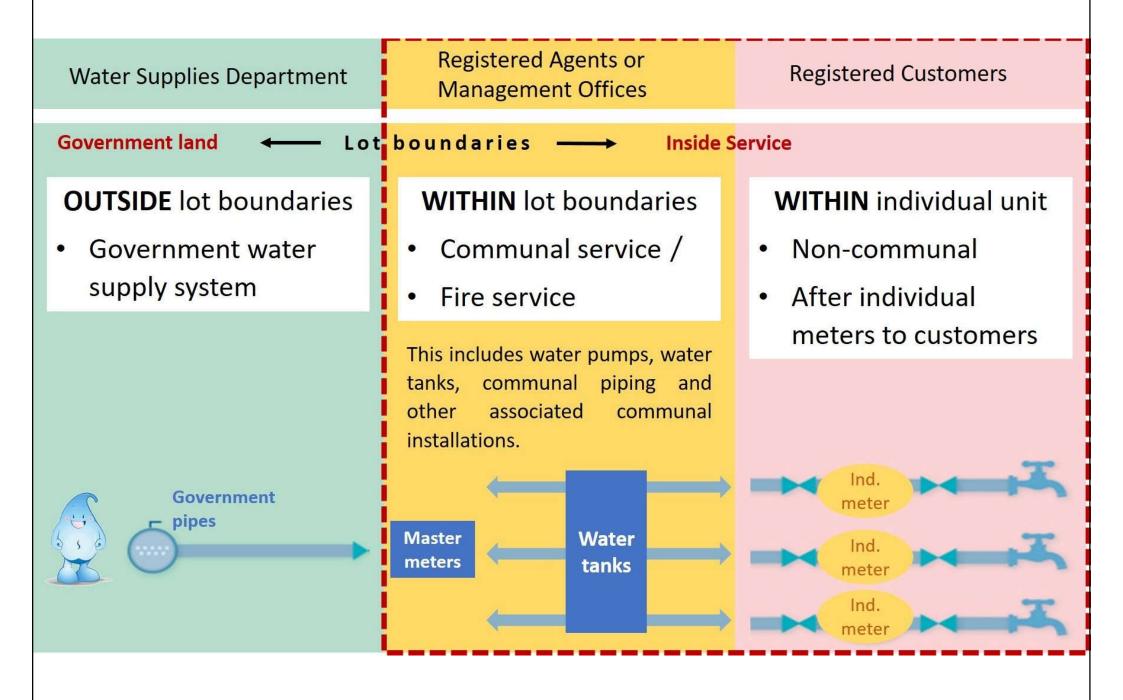


(Source: CIBSE, 2014. Public Health and Plumbing Engineering, CIBSE Guide G)

#### Schematic diagram of a typical inside service

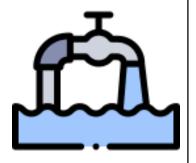


#### Maintenance responsibility of government waterworks and inside service



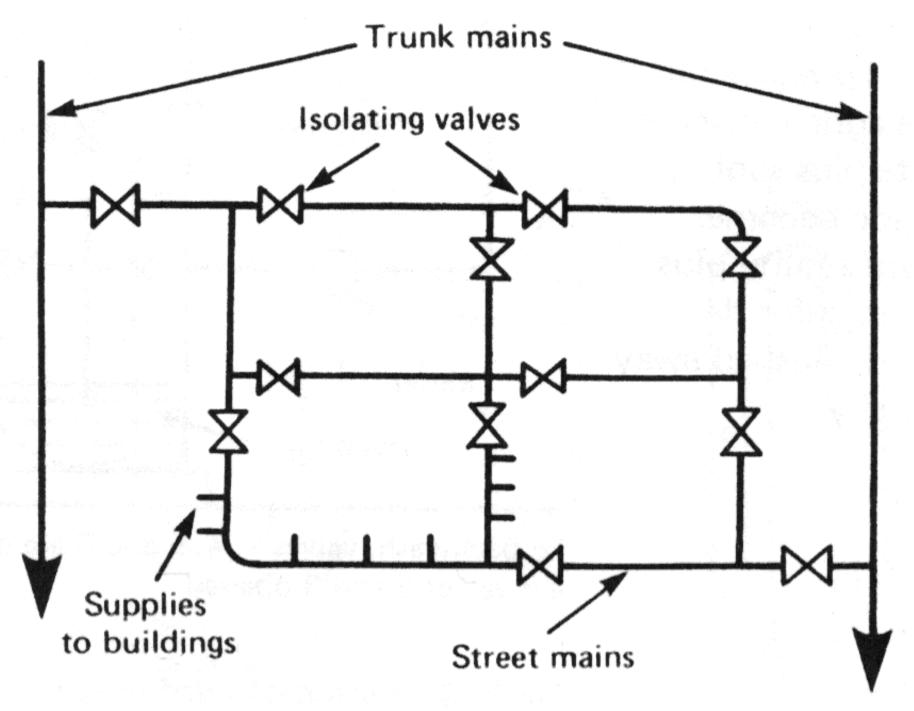
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## Water supply distribution



- Mains water supply
  - Size of the water mains
    - Such as a 75 mm diameter pipe fed from both ends or a 100 mm diameter pipe fed from one end
  - Pressure (or head) of water (20 or 30m head) & pressure fluctuations
    - Min. head of 30 m head for firefighting purposes
    - Max. head of 70 m head to limit wastage and pipe noise
- A ring circuit & a grid of pipes
  - To increase reliability & facilitate maintenance

Ring main distribution (with water fed from both ends)



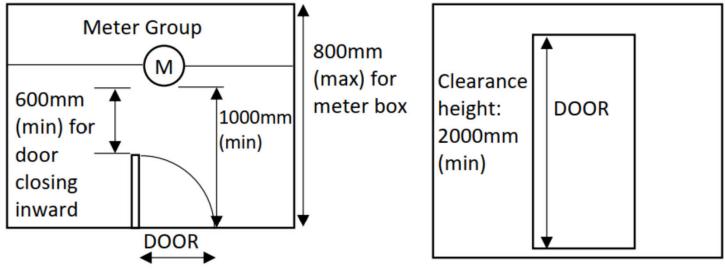
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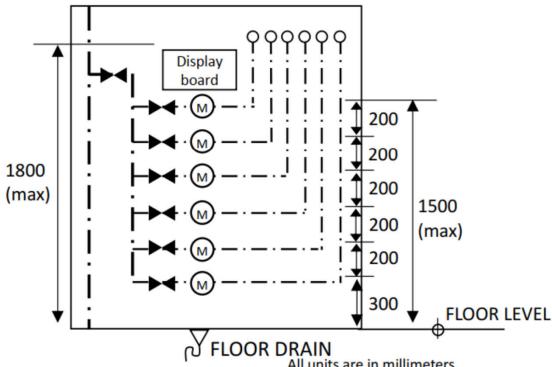
## Water supply distribution

- Pressure of water supplies in HK
  - Fresh water supply: 15-30 metres head
  - Salt water supply: 15 metres head
  - They are maintained in the distribution systems except at their extremities
  - Reduction of the minimum residual pressure (since 2007): lower from 30- to 20-metre head
- Master meter, sub-meters & check meters

#### Typical arrangement of water meters in a meter box/chamber/room

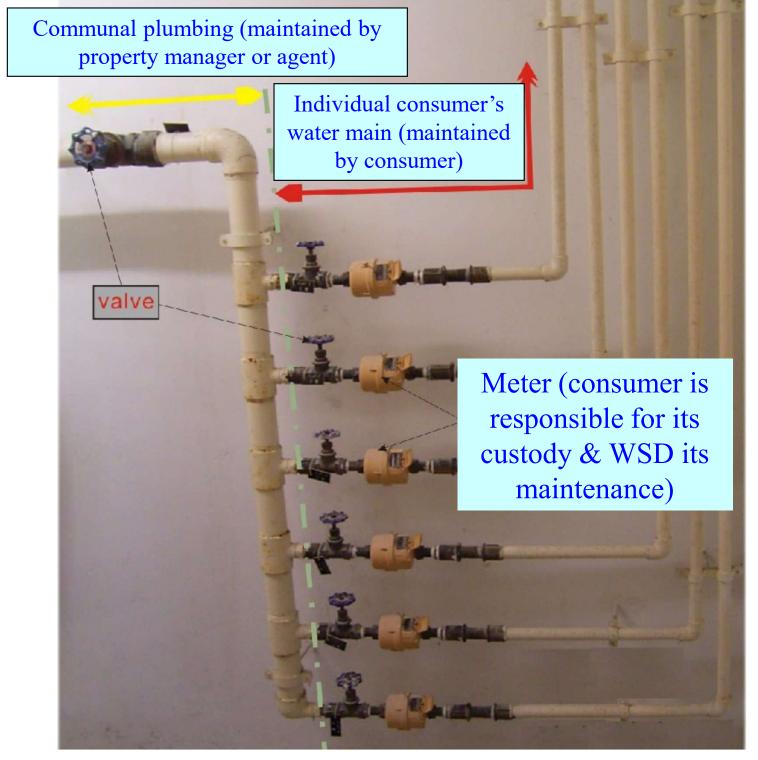


Clearance width: 800mm (min)



All units are in millimeters.

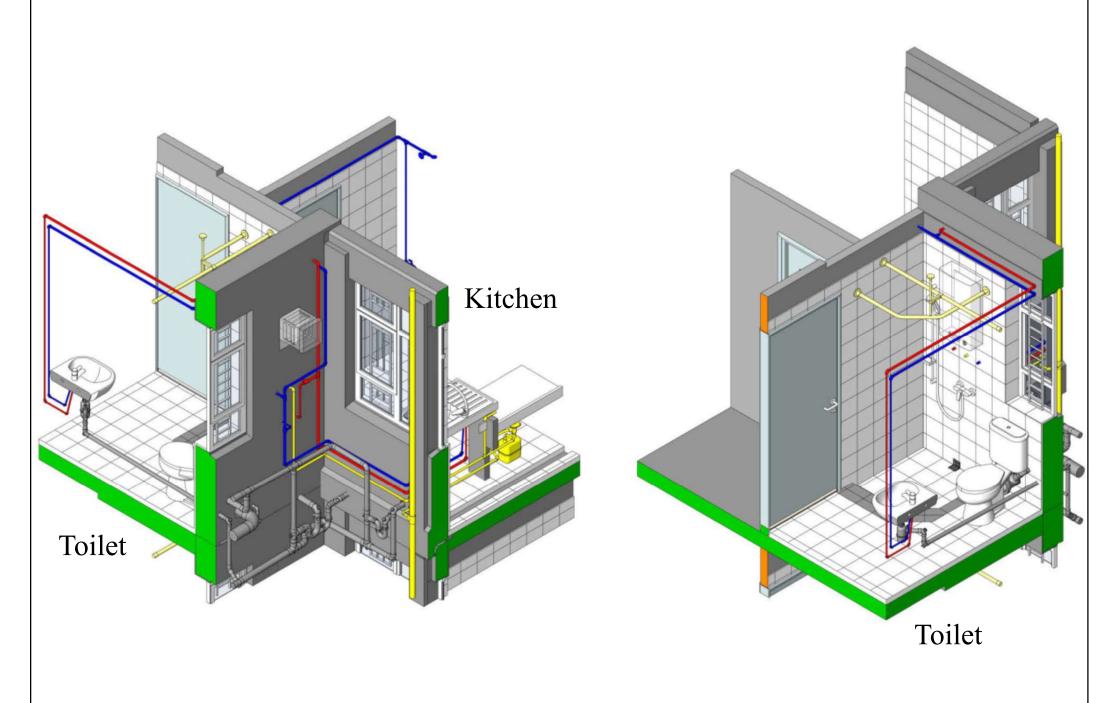
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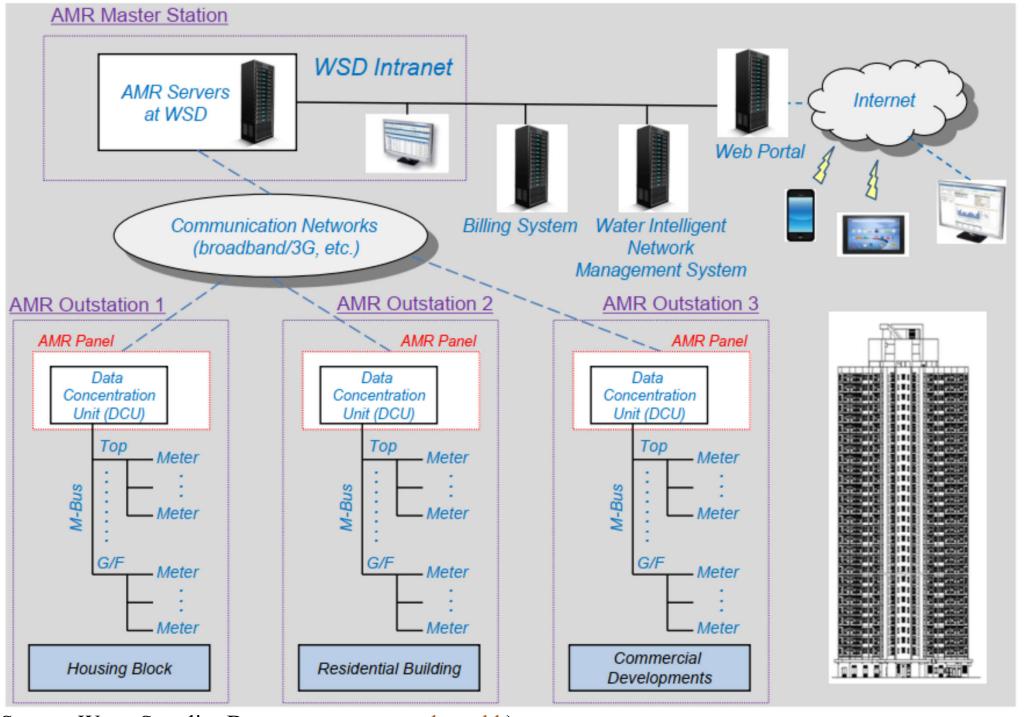


Typical plumbing layout inside a residential flat

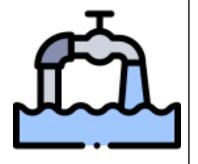


(Source: Housing Authority Hong Kong)

### Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system

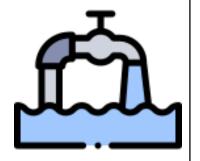




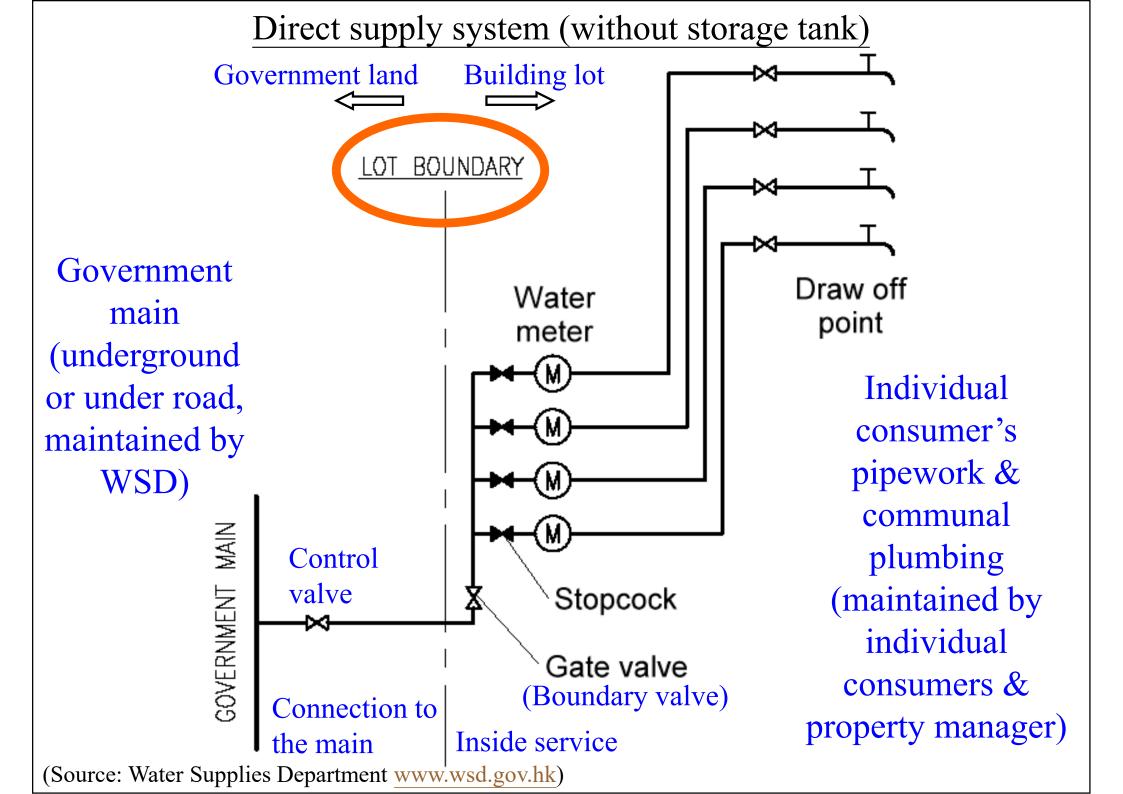


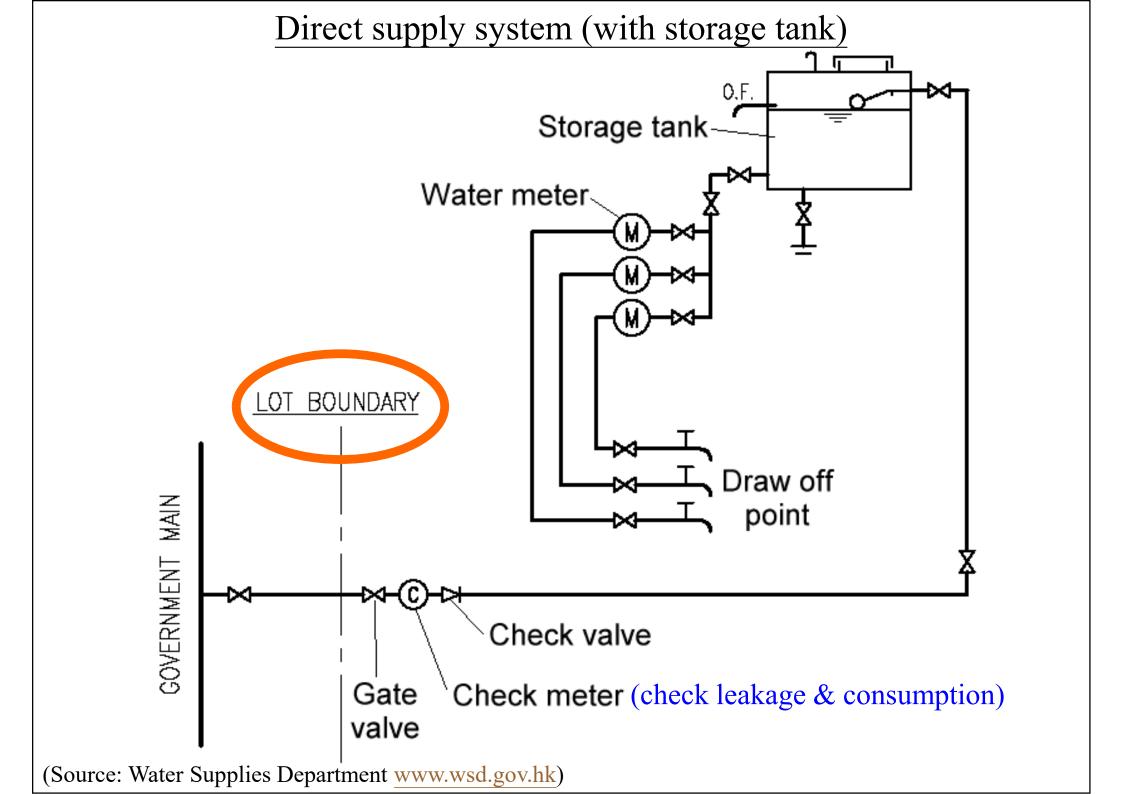
- Benefits of automatic meter reading (AMR):
  - Improve meter reading efficiency (i.e. automatic reading of water meters & reduce human error)
  - Detection of abnormal water consumption (e.g. leakage of customers' piping)
  - Better planning & management of water supplies
  - Enhancing customer services through provision of timely water consumption information via Internet and mobile phone
  - Platform for promotion of water conservation

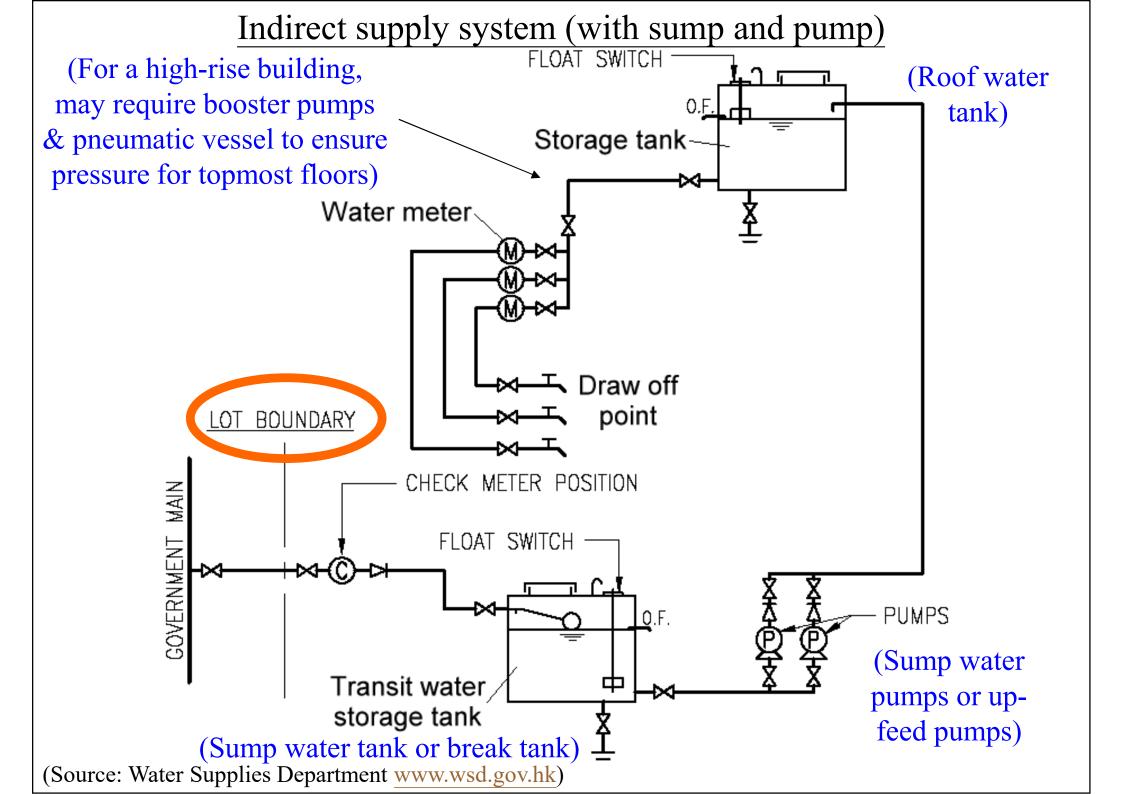




- Water supply systems in buildings
  - <u>Direct supply system</u>: conveys water directly from water mains to the point of usage without any transit water storage tanks
  - *Indirect supply system*: conveys water from water mains to the point of usage through a transit water storage tank (usually a sump water tank and a roof water tank)
- Potable/fresh water, flushing/salt water and water for fire services (e.g. FH/HR, sprinkler)



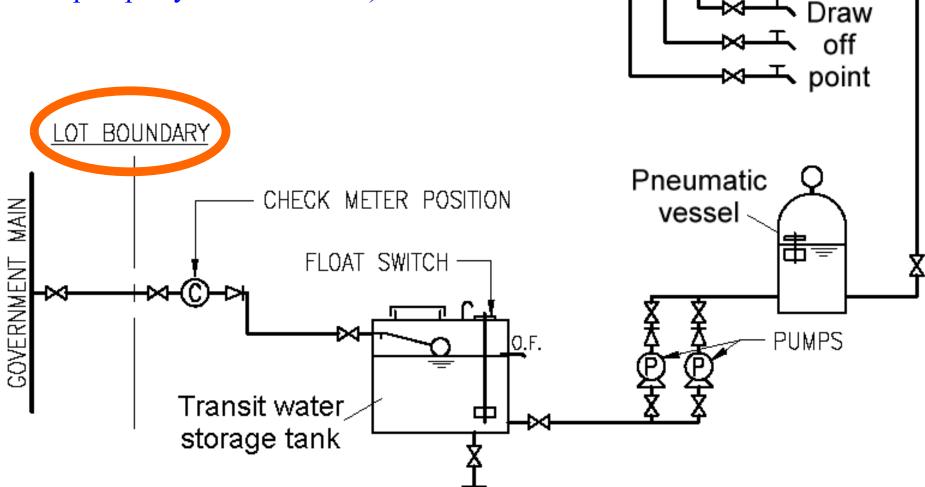




#### Indirect supply system (with pneumatic vessel)

Water meter

(\* Pressure vessel is used to adjust the supply pressure, if it is not practicable to control the pumps by level switches.)



(Source: Water Supplies Department <a href="www.wsd.gov.hk">www.wsd.gov.hk</a>)

### Comparison of direct and indirect water supply systems

Direct supply	Indirect supply
- Less pipework, smaller or no water tank	- More pipework, large water storage tank
- No storage to satisfy peak demand period	- Water storage to meet peak demand
- Risk of contamination and pressure fluctuation of mains	- Less risk of adverse effects by water mains
- Not feasible for high-rise buildings due to main pressure	- Can be used in high-rise buildings



## Water tanks & pumps

- Water tanks
  - Materials: reinforced concrete, fibre glass, etc.
    - Reinforced concrete is the most common material used
    - Fibreglass storage cistern for potable water shall be of an approved type or certified, with no toxic materials and suitable for storage of potable water
  - Storage capacities:
    - Assessment of water consumption & demand
    - Proportion: Sump tank: Roof tank = 1:3
    - Recommend to meet one-day (24 hours) demand
    - Domestic supply follows WSD recommendations

#### Recommended storage capacities in water supply systems

Domestic water supply with sump and pump		Flushing supply using salt water*	Temporary mains fresh water for flushing (TMF)
Up to 10 flats	> 10 flats		
135 litres/flat (total storage including sump tank)	90 litres for each additional flat	Minimum  1/2 day  consumption	45 litres per flushing apparatus, minimum 250 litres

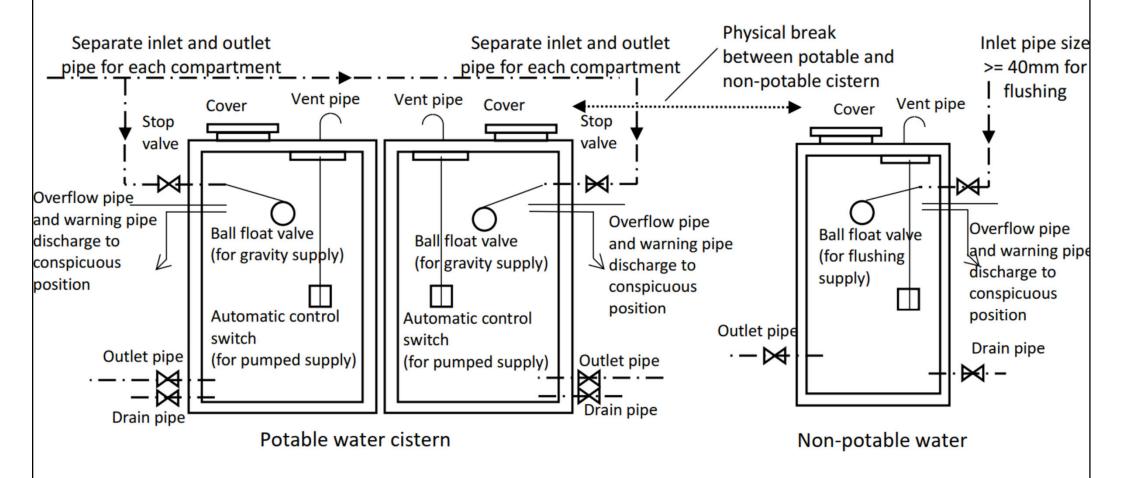
<sup>\*</sup> For industrial use, recommended storage capacity is one-day demand.

Design criteria for flushing water storage: (Litres per flushing apparatus) [minimum capacity = 250 litres]

<ul><li>1. Residential:</li><li>- Water closet</li></ul>	30
2. Commercial	
- Urinal	30
- Water closet	40

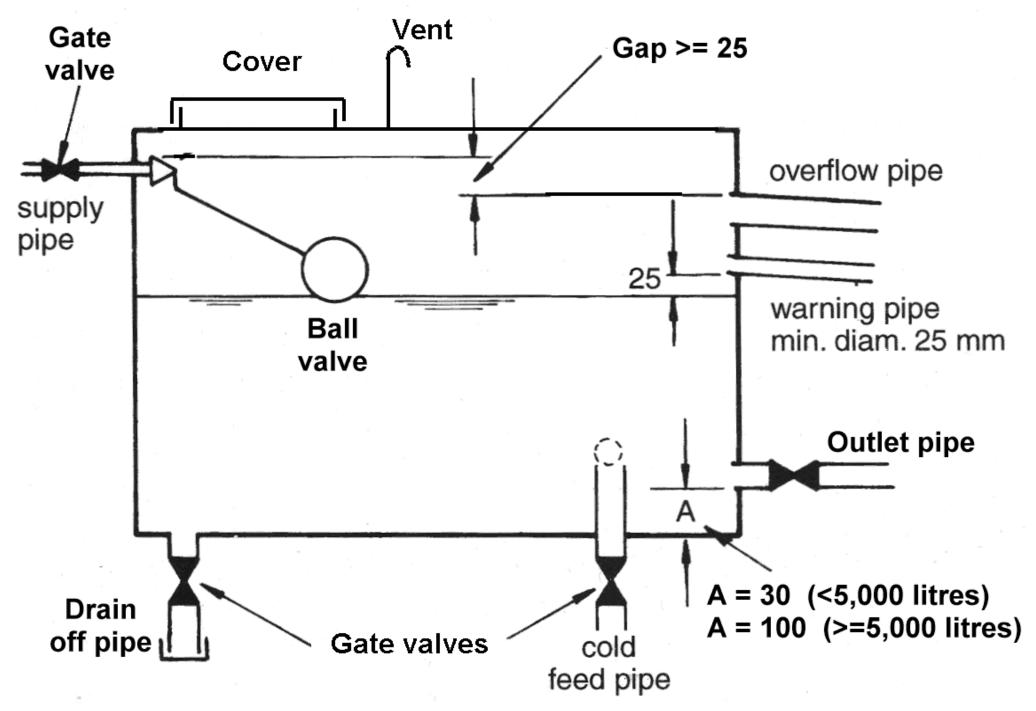
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### Typical components of water cisterns (storage tanks)

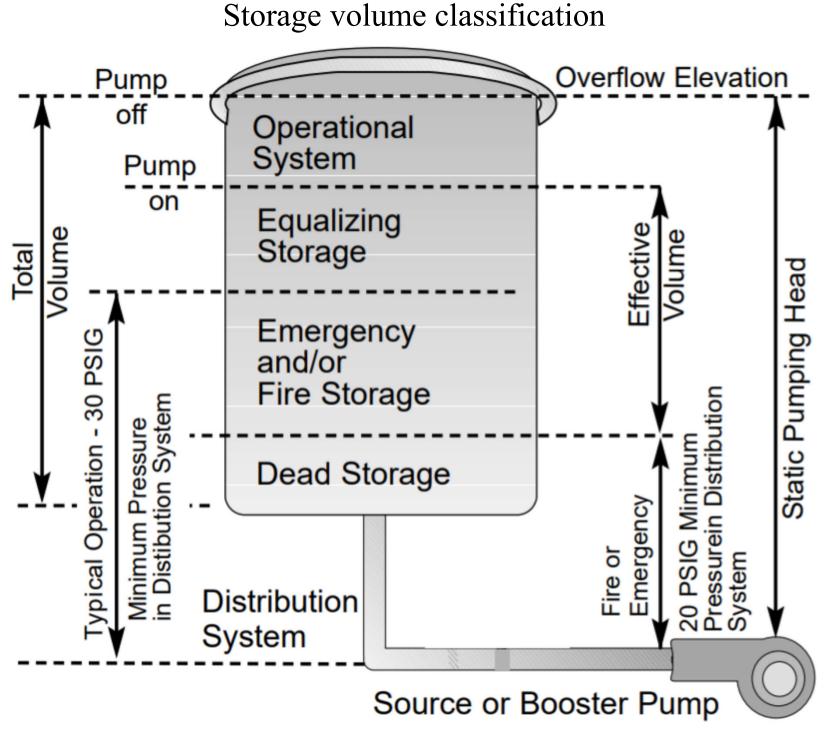


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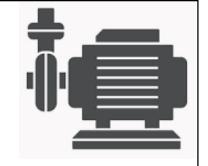
Water tank basic requirements (for a gravity supply)



(Source: Garrett, R. H., 2008. Hot and Cold Water Supply)



(Source: https://sswm.info/sites/default/files/reference\_attachments/BHARDWAJ%20and%20METZGAR%202001.%20Tech%20Brief%20-%20Reservoirs%2C%20towers%20and%20tanks.pdf)



## Water tanks & pumps

- Cleansing of water storage tanks
  - Such as sump tank & roof tank
  - They should be cleansed once every three months
- Maintenance of internal plumbing
  - WSD maintains the water supply distribution system up to the building lot boundaries
  - Internal & communal plumbing are maintained by the consumers

#### Common problems for maintenance of water storage tanks



Double sealed tank cover with lock



Damaged water tank cover



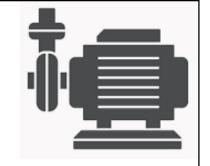
Water tank not cleaned



Rusty water tank cover

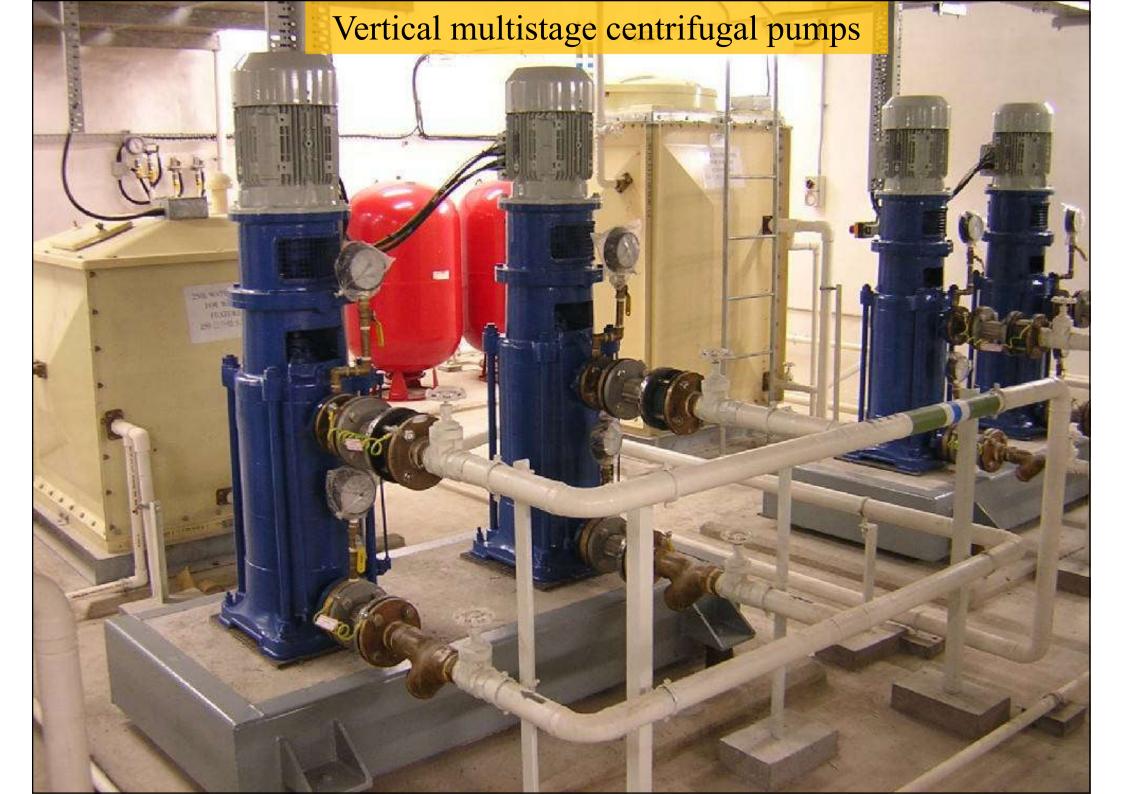


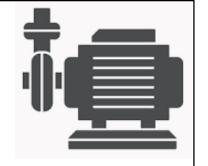
Storage tank without proper maintenance & management



## Water tanks & pumps

- Water pumps
  - Provide a duplicate set (duty + standby)
  - Pumping capacity >= designed out-flow of tank
  - Minimise vibration and noise problems
    - Adequate pipework support & anchor
    - Solid foundation
- Common pump types
  - Horizontal end suction centrifugal
  - Vertical multistage centrifugal



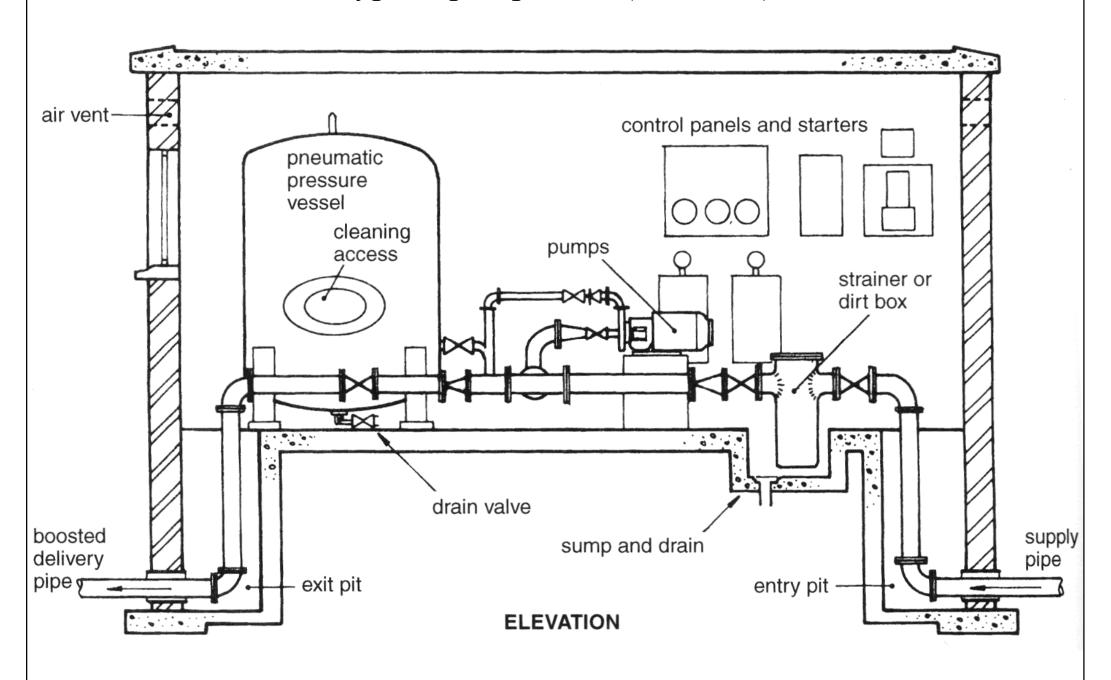


## Water tanks & pumps

- Pump control
  - Automatic control using pressure switches, level switches, high-level & low-level electrodes
  - Pump selector switch & ON/OFF/AUTO
  - Low-speed preferred (longer life & quiet)
- Pump motor
  - Such as squirrel cage induction type
  - Overload protection (electrical)

### Typical pump room (layout plan) air vent control panel and starters air compressor pneumatic pressure vessel dup cate pumps pressure recorder strainer delivery supply pipe pipe **PLAN** (Source: Garrett, R. H., 2008. Hot and Cold Water Supply)

#### Typical pump room (elevation)



(Source: Garrett, R. H., 2008. Hot and Cold Water Supply)



# Water quality & management

- Water Safety Plan (WSP)
  - Developed by WSD in 2007 in accordance with WHO's recommendations
  - Launched an integrated Drinking Water Quality
     Management System (DWQMS) in 2017
    - Water quality policy
    - Principle of water quality management
    - Health-based targets
    - Water safety plans
    - Surveillance



### Drinking Water Quality Management System Framework for Safe Drinking Water Public health Health-based context and targets health outcome Water Safety Plans System Management & Monitoring communication assessment Surveillance



# Water quality & management

- Quality Water Supply Scheme for Buildings
  - https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/core-businesses/water-quality/buildings/
    - To encourage building owners to maintain their plumbing systems properly
      - Fresh Water (Management System)
      - Fresh Water (Plus)
      - Flushing Water

There are 3 grades of certificates:

- <u>Blue Certificates</u>: New application or renewal with < 3 years
- Silver Certificates: Continuous participation 4-6 years
- Gold Certificates: Continuous participation >= 6 years





# Water quality & management

- Treated water supplied by WSD at the connection points fully complies with the WHO guidelines for <u>drinking water</u>
- If the water is free from contamination within the plumbing system in a building, it is not necessary to use filter or purifier
- If a filter or purifier is used, it should be properly cleaned & maintained. Non-return valve may be needed to prevent back-flowing



### 圖二:水龍頭裝套型濾水器 (Fig 2: Faucet filter)

(Normal situation : water in filter draining downstream)

→ 爆管時而水龍頭在開:

水倒流

(Tap on during pipe burst : water back flowing)

阡 水龍頭水掣 (water tap valve)

鋅盤 (sink)

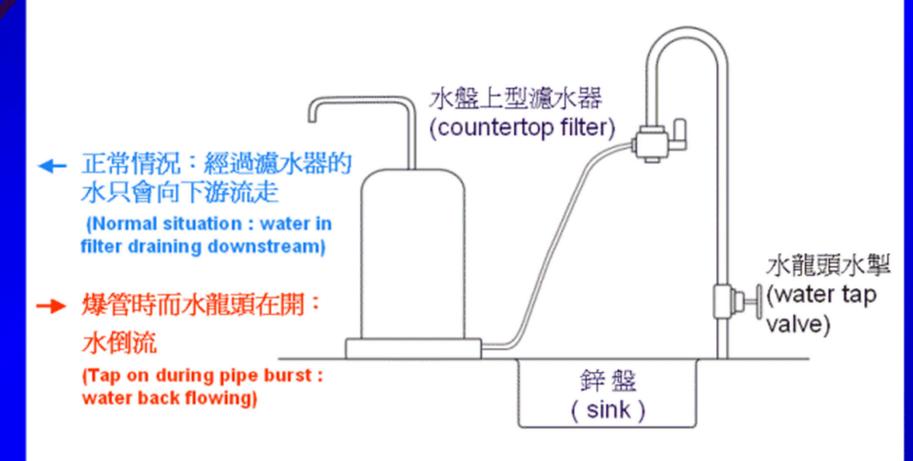


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### 圖三:水盤上型濾水器

(Fig 3: Countertop filter)





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### 圖六:水管直駁型濾水器 ( Fig 6 : In-line filter )

← 正常情況:經過濾水器的 水只會向下游流走

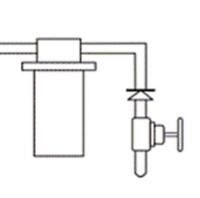
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水管直駁型濾水器 (in-line filter)



水龍頭水掣

(water tap valve)



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# Water quality & management

- In 2000-2015, WSD has launched a programme to replace or rehabilitate the aged water mains in stages
  - For both fresh water & salt water supplies
  - About 3,000 km of water mains (in a network of 7,600 km) were completed in 15 years







(Source: https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/core-businesses/major-infrastructure-projects/r-r-projects/)





## Water quality & management

- Total Water Management (TWM) strategy
  - Water demand management
    - To enhance public education on water conservation
    - To promote use of water saving devices
    - To enhance water leakage control
    - To extend use of seawater for toilet flushing
  - Water supply management
    - To strengthen protection of water resources
    - To actively consider water reclamation (reuse of greywater & rainwater harvesting)
    - To develop the option of seawater desalination

(Source: https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/core-businesses/total-water-management-strategy/)

#### Outlook of the future water resources in Hong Kong

Future fresh water resources in Hong Kong\*:

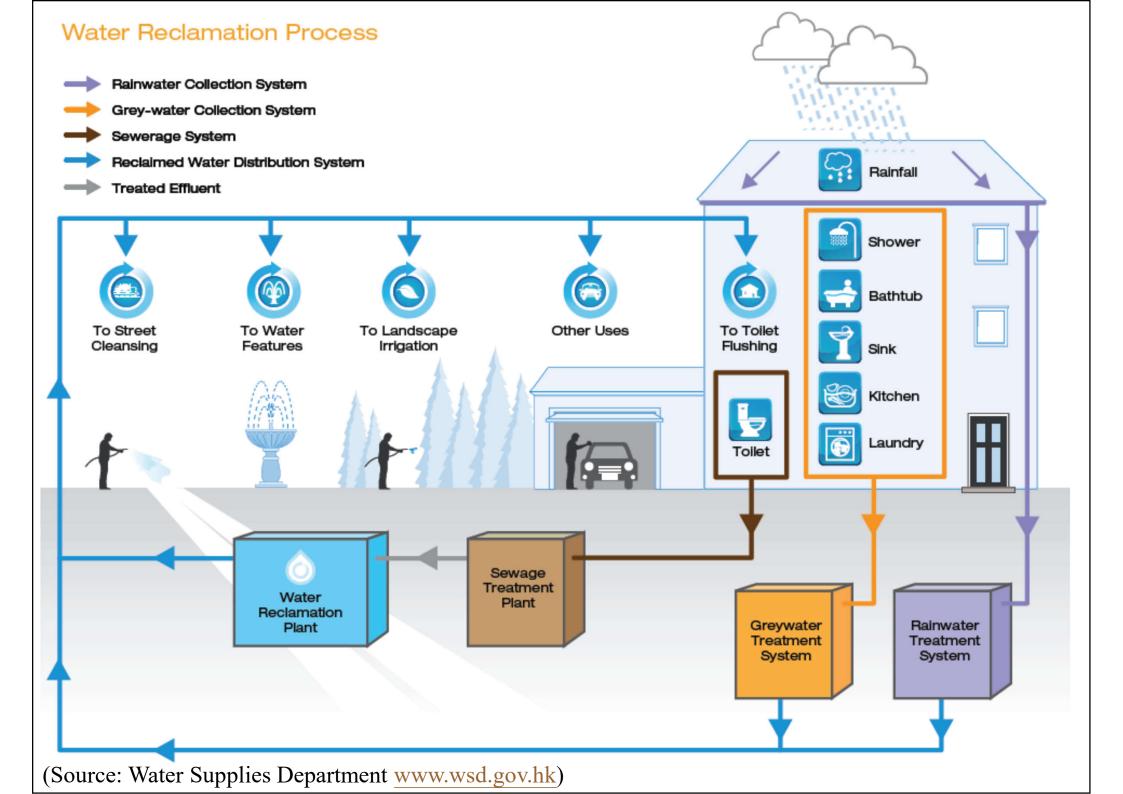
Dongjiang water	~ 60% <b>-</b> 80%
with water supply ceiling of 820 mcm	depending on the amount
per annum	of local yield
Local yield	~ 15% - 35%
<b>Desalinated water</b>	~ 5%
up to 50 mcm per annum	

\* While the above fresh water resources will account for about 75% of the total water consumption in Hong Kong, the lower grade water (namely seawater and recycled water) for non-potable uses will account for the remaining 25%.



- Dongjiang Water 東江水
- Local Yield 本地集水
- Desalination 海水化淡
- Seawater for Flushing 海水沖廁
- Recycled Water 循環再用水

(Source: https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/core-businesses/total-water-management-strategy/twm-review/)





# Water quality & management

- Development of new water supply sources
  - Seawater desalination
    - Using reverse osmosis (RO) technology
  - Reclaimed water
    - Primarily for non-potable uses
    - Convert the tertiary treated sewage effluent into reclaimed water for toilet flushing
  - Grey water reuse and rainwater harvesting
  - Stormwater management and harvesting



## Water quality & management

- Promoting water conservation
  - Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS)
- SAVE Water conservation

- Automatic meter reading
- Public education
- Water use efficiency guidelines
- Water loss management (reduce leakages)
- Expansion of use of lower grade water for non-potable uses

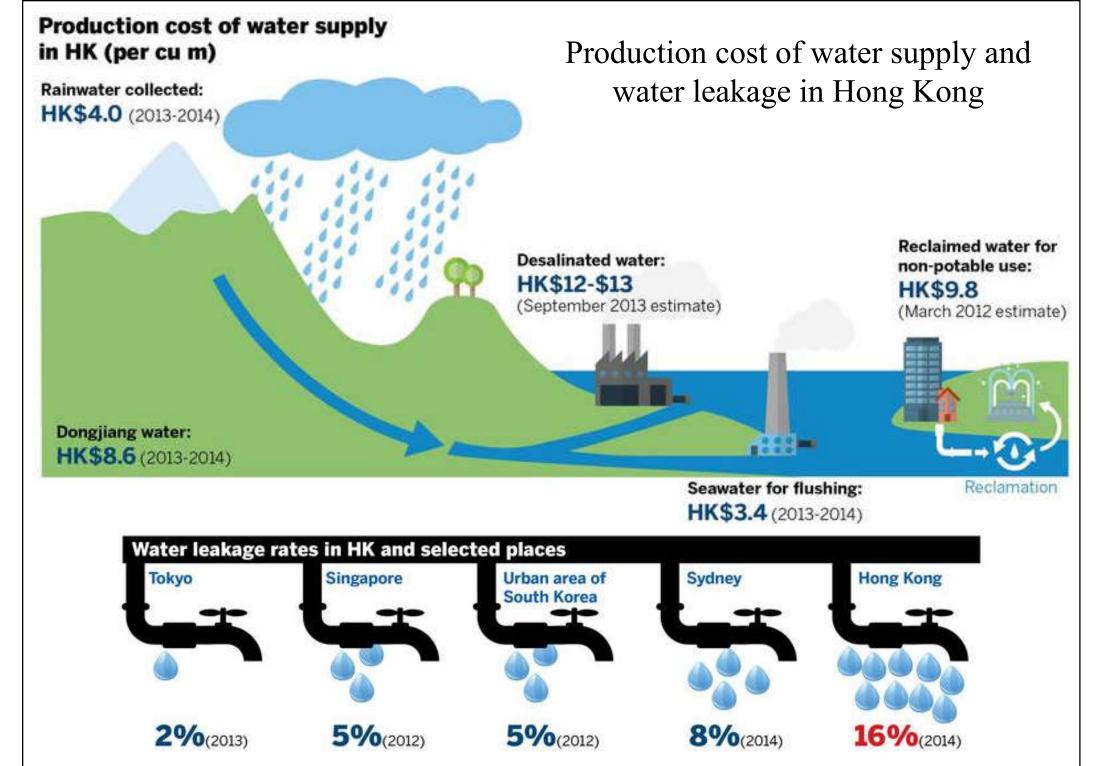
Water loss management

- Water intelligent network (WIN) (monitor water loss)
- Underground asset (water mains) management
- Expand the use of low grade water (e.g. seawater flushing)

#### Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS)

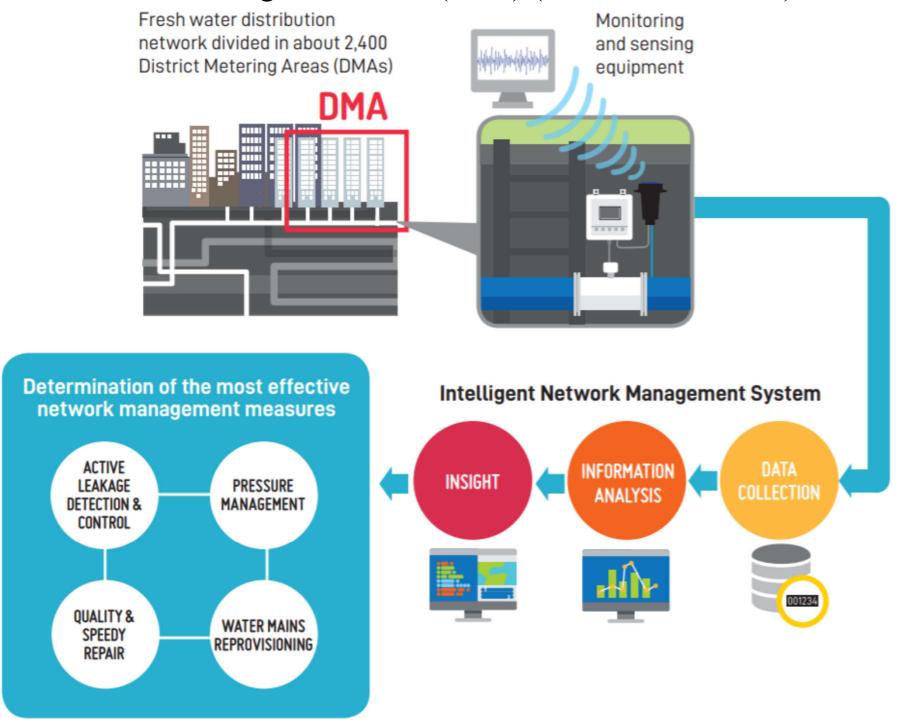


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(Source: https://www.chinadailyhk.com/articles/70/137/218/1509961687569.html)

#### Water intelligent network (WIN) (monitor water loss)



(Source: https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/core-businesses/operation-and-maintenance-of-waterworks/reliable-distribution-network/)





- Inspect & maintain plumbing to prevent water leaks
- Checking of water leakage: simple method
  - Turn off all water taps
  - Compare the water meter reading over a 30-minutes period
  - If the water meter registers flow when all water taps are turned off, it implies leaking
- However, this method cannot detect very small leakage (seepage)











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