Contracts signed for DSD's drainage improvement works (with photos)

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) will implement seven drainage improvement projects to enhance flood prevention infrastructure and better cope with increasingly frequent extreme weather conditions. Five relevant contracts with a total value of \$6.4 billion were signed with contractors at a ceremony held today (August 16).

The Director of Drainage Services, Mr Ringo Mok, said at the signing ceremony, "The extreme rainstorms in September last year caused flooding incidents of different scales in various districts in Hong Kong. To effectively cope with the impact of extreme rainstorms, it is crucial to strengthen the current stormwater drainage systems. Following the Chief Executive's announcement of the implementation of seven drainage improvement projects in the Policy Address last year, the DSD conducted parallel tendering while seeking funding from the Legislative Council (LegCo). The LegCo approved funding for the related projects in July this year and the relevant works contracts were signed today."

The relevant projects include the construction of six underground flood storage tanks with a total capacity of more than 200 000 cubic metres in Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon City, Shek Kip Mei, Sha Tin, Tai Po and Kwun Tong, and the construction of drainage with a total length of about 10 kilometres in the aforementioned districts and the Eastern District. The underground flood storage tanks will be located at Shek Kip Mei Park, Morse Park, Hoi Bun Road Park in Kwun Tong, Argyle Street Playground, Tai Po Old Market Playground and Sha Tin Park. The seven works projects are targeted for completion in phases within about three and a half years to six years. The list of works contracts and contractors are at the Annex.

In order to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the aforementioned projects, the DSD has formed an alliance with participating consultants and contractors to strengthen collaboration among members, encourage exchanges and sharing of innovative technologies and techniques, so as to improve work efficiency and occupational safety, and create synergy through collaboration.





