

[New agreement on Dongjiang water supply continues to adopt “package deal deductible sum” approach \(with photos\)](#)

The Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, signed a new agreement on the supply of Dongjiang water to Hong Kong from 2024 to 2026 with the Director General of the Water Resources Department of Guangdong Province, Mr Wang Lixin, in Guangzhou today (December 27). The Director of Water Supplies, Mr Tony Yau, also attended the signing ceremony.

The current agreement will expire on December 31. The new agreement continues to adopt the "package deal deductible sum" approach which enables Hong Kong to import Dongjiang water based on the city's need. In years with more local yield and the amount of Dongjiang water required is below the preset annual supply ceiling, a price deduction, according to the actual amount of water supplied, will be made to the annual ceiling water price. This approach provides greater flexibility in the control of water storage level, preventing wastage of Dongjiang water resources and saving pumping cost for water delivery. The new agreement also continues to adopt benchmarks on water supply volume applicable under the existing agreement.

In the new agreement, the annual ceiling water price will have an annual increase of 2.39 per cent, which is worked out with reference to the mechanism that takes into account changes in the price indices of Guangdong and Hong Kong, and the exchange rate between Renminbi and Hong Kong dollars. Under the new agreement, the Guangdong side will maintain the quality of the Dongjiang water supply to Hong Kong in compliance with Type II waters in the Environmental Quality Standards for Surface Water, which is the highest national standard for surface water applicable to human consumption.

On the same day, Ms Linn held a working meeting with the Water Resources Department of Guangdong Province to exchange views on the Dongjiang water supply and water quality monitoring work. Ms Linn thanked the Guangdong authorities for investing in infrastructure to safeguard the water supply and water quality for Hong Kong, as well as providing support on the relevant policy and implementation work. Ms Linn said, "We are very grateful for the nation's support for Hong Kong. The continuous supply of Dongjiang water since 1960s has helped Hong Kong to solve the long-term problem of water shortage. Dongjiang water currently makes up about 70 to 80 per cent of fresh water consumption in Hong Kong, meeting the needs of people's livelihood and social development."

2025 will mark the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang water supply to Hong Kong. The Development Bureau plans to launch a series of activities which will enable the public to learn about the history and current situation of

Dongjiang water supply to Hong Kong, as well as the nation's immense support and care rendered to Hong Kong through this mega water supply project.

Afterwards, Ms Linn and officials from the Water Resources Department of Guangdong Province visited Gaoxinsha Pumping Station in Nansha, Guangzhou, to see the Water Resources Allocation Project in the Pearl River Delta Area. The project will realise the diversion of water from Xijiang River to the eastern part of the River Delta Area to provide a new source of water to Guangzhou Nansha, Shenzhen, Dongguan, etc, and an emergency backup source of water for Hong Kong, thereby further safeguarding the security of Hong Kong's water supply.

