

Mainland study tour “An Exploration into the Supply of Dongjiang Water to Hong Kong” for secondary students concluded (with photos)

â€œTo commemorate the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang (DJ) water supply to Hong Kong, the Development Bureau (DEVB), the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Water Supplies Department (WSD) jointly organised the Mainland study tour "An Exploration into the Supply of Dongjiang Water to Hong Kong" for secondary students. About 90 vice-principals, teachers and students from seven secondary schools participated in this inaugural study tour. They visited facilities related to the Dongjiang-Shenzhen Water Supply Scheme in Guangdong Province yesterday (February 20) and today (February 21) to learn about its history and operation, as well as the country's immense support and care rendered to Hong Kong through this mega water supply project.

Led by representatives from the DEVB, the EDB and the WSD, the delegation visited the Taiyuan Pumping Station in Dongguan to closely observe the quality of raw water at the intake point of DJ water supplied to Hong Kong. They also learned about the major infrastructure for safeguarding the quality of DJ water.

The delegation then visited the exhibition hall at the Dongjiang-Shenzhen Water Supply Project Memorial Park in Dongguan to gain insights into the project's history and its importance for fresh water supply in Hong Kong, and attended a seminar on water resources to learn about the Pearl River Delta Water Resources Allocation Project and water conservation measures. During an interactive session, students conducted simple water quality tests, which enabled them to appreciate the high standard that DJ water supplied to Hong Kong must meet, as well as the country's rigorous work and efforts in safeguarding water quality.

Before concluding the first day of the tour, students shared their reflections on what they had learned. Many of them expressed gratitude for the country's tremendous efforts in safeguarding the quantity and quality of DJ water supplied to Hong Kong, and that they will treasure water resources more in the future. They also developed a deeper appreciation for the country's precious water resources and the care it rendered. Accompanying teachers emphasised the significance of this study tour, noting that it enabled students to learn about the history, science, technology, ecology and environmental matters related to DJ water supply, fostering an understanding that every drop of drinking water is precious. This experience encouraged students to cherish water resources and nurtured their sense of patriotism.

The delegation visited the Shenzhen Reservoir this morning to understand the water quality monitoring system for DJ water supplied to Hong Kong. They

then toured the Nanshan Museum and Nantou Ancient City in Shenzhen to learn about Nanshan's history, culture, economic development, and achievements of the country since the reform and opening up, gaining appreciation for the country's efforts in preserving and passing on cultural heritage. The delegation returned to Hong Kong this afternoon after the tour.

"An Exploration into the Supply of Dongjiang Water to Hong Kong" is one of the activities to commemorate the 60th anniversary of DJ water supply to Hong Kong under the theme "Dongjiang River – An Inseparable Bond, Our Blessed Origin". Through various activities, the DEVB and the WSD aim to enhance public understanding of the importance of DJ water to Hong Kong's prosperity, stability and long-term development as well as the country's long-standing care and support for Hong Kong.

