

WSD holds “Roving Exhibition on 60th Anniversary of Dongjiang Water Supply to Hong Kong” with first stop at Times Square (with photos)

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Dongjiang water supply to Hong Kong. To commemorate this remarkable milestone, the Water Supplies Department (WSD) has launched a series of celebration events under the theme "Dongjiang River – An Inseparable Bond, Our Blessed Origin" in phases since September last year. Among the events is the "Roving Exhibition on the 60th Anniversary of Dongjiang Water Supply to Hong Kong" launched today (January 11) at Times Square, Causeway Bay.

The Director of Water Supplies, Mr Roger Wong, visited the location and introduced the content of the exhibition to the public. Mr Wong said that since the 1960s, the country has been providing Hong Kong with an uninterrupted supply of Dongjiang water, which helped the city become an international metropolis. Currently accounting for about 70 to 80 per cent of the fresh water consumption in Hong Kong, Dongjiang water is vital to Hong Kong's prosperous development and demonstrates the country's long-standing care rendered to Hong Kong. He said he hoped that the public will deepen their understanding about the importance of Dongjiang water and fully appreciate the country's immense support after visiting the exhibition. Mr Wong also encouraged the public to learn from history and be grateful for the care rendered by the country.

The rich content of the exhibition covers precious historical photos showing the situation of droughts in 1960s and the Dongjiang-Shenzhen Water Supply Scheme, as well as the work of the governments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Guangdong to safeguard the quality and security of Dongjiang water supplied to Hong Kong. Moreover, virtual reality and quiz games help deepen the public's understanding of the history, development and current situation of the Dongjiang water supply in an interactive way. The public can also take photos with the cute WSD mascot named Father of Water Save Dave at the exhibition.

The first stop of the roving exhibition started today and will be held until January 19 in the covered piazza at Times Square, Causeway Bay. The exhibition is open from noon to 8pm. Admission is free. The next stop of the roving exhibition will be Domain, Yau Tong, from February 22 to March 2. In March, the WSD will arrange mobile exhibition vehicles to tour various districts across the city to widely spread relevant information to the public. Members of the public are most welcome to visit the exhibition.

