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Question (Member Question No. 395):

The "National 12th Five-Year Plan" has stated clearly that Hong Kong has an advantage in terms of sewage treatment and water pollution management. As limited resources were allocated for the environment and conservation work through the Innovation and Technology Fund by the Administration in the past, will more resources be made available in the future? Of these increased resources, how much will be allocated for water treatment and management?

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Reply:

DSD has all along actively allocated resources on research and development to improve the technology and efficiency of sewage treatment facilities and reduce their carbon footprints. We have also actively explored the compact sewage treatment technology with an aim to construct new sewage treatment facilities with minimal land required, so as to meet the ever-increasing demand for sewage treatment. Currently, there are 19 research projects in progress, ranging from sewage treatment, use of energy and odour treatment. We will continue to conduct researches in future, as necessary.