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MWA reveals that people used less water during Songkran Festival with the necessity of water conservation

Mrs. Jutharat Somjitranukit, Director of Corporate Communication Department, the Metropolitan Waterworks Authority (MWA) disclosed that Water usage in Bangkok and nearby provinces, particularly Nonthaburi and Samut Prakan, to which the MWA supplies tap water, has actually declined because businesses and factories were closed, and a lot of people left the city during Songkran Festival from 2013-2016 as below table;

Unit : Million cubic meters

Water usage during Songkran Festival	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016
April 11	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.2
April 12	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.0
April 13	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8
April 14	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7
April 15	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.8
April 16	4.6	4.8	5.2	4.9

Water consumption over the past 3 years has not decreased since MWA has expanded service area so that everyone can access safe and reliable water as well as there has been more new water users every year. Also, the tendency of water use is not much reduced due to high temperature in this summer. Nevertheless, MWA have full confidence that all sectors including mass media are aware of the water shortage and strictly take steps to conserve water. Currently, Thailand is facing its most severe drought, the volume of water flowing into dams is lower continuously. As a result, Royal Irrigation Department (RID) must allocate water each day for consumption, and for maintaining ecosystem and agriculture. At present, Water allocation is done as planned, however MWA asks everyone to use water wisely, make every drop counts and still affirms the quality of tap water as normal.

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