

# Climate Resilience for Landslide Risk Management

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凌晨最新消息

# 特大黑雨 癱瘓全港

電突變，暴雨成災！天文台首先在晚上9時發出黃色暴雨警告，25分鐘後即改發紅色暴雨警告，隨後再改發黑色暴雨警告。



地圖紫色部分為黑雨重災區

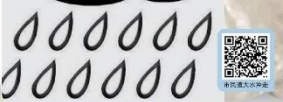
▲港鐵黃大仙站水浸，拉級及沙泥在月台漂浮

# 139年雨量最高紀錄 個半鐘由「黃」變「黑」

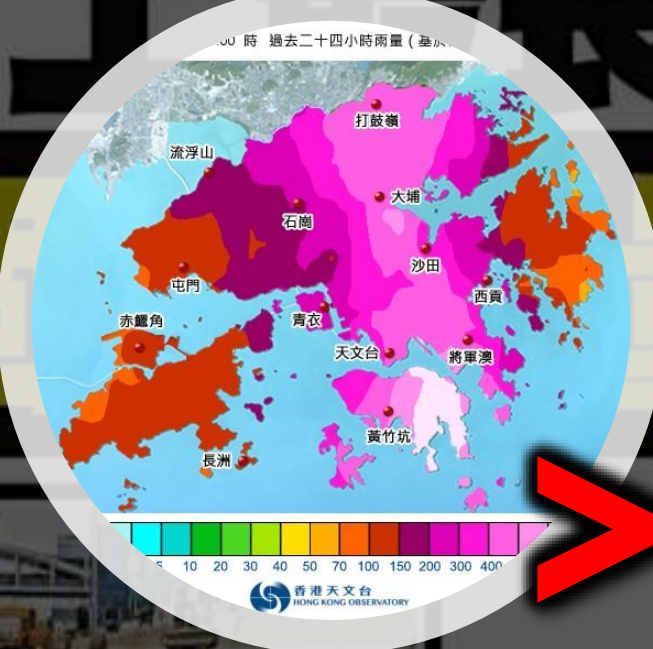
【本報訊】天文台宣佈，全港錄得139年雨量最高紀錄，由黃色暴雨警告變為黑色暴雨警告，僅需15分鐘。

# 黑雨成災 水淹香港

女子被急流沖走50米



特首：多個部門正全力應對



# > 158 mm rainfall in 1 hour

# 香港經歷最



本港多處發生山泥傾瀉，造成交通阻礙。多處地區出現水浸，部分地區甚至出現山泥傾瀉。

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# Record-breaking Rainfall on 7 & 8 September 2023

# > 600 mm rainfall in 24 hours



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# Landslides on 7 & 8 September 2023



# Many severe landslides occurred in the past

1972 Sau Mau Ping



1972 Po Shan Road



1976 Sau Mau Ping



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18 June 1972  
Sau Mau Ping

6,000 m<sup>3</sup> **71** fatalities



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1976 Sau Mau Ping



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20,000 m<sup>3</sup> **67** fatalities



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# 1977: Geotechnical Engineering Office Established

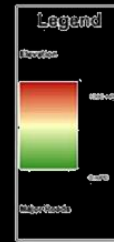
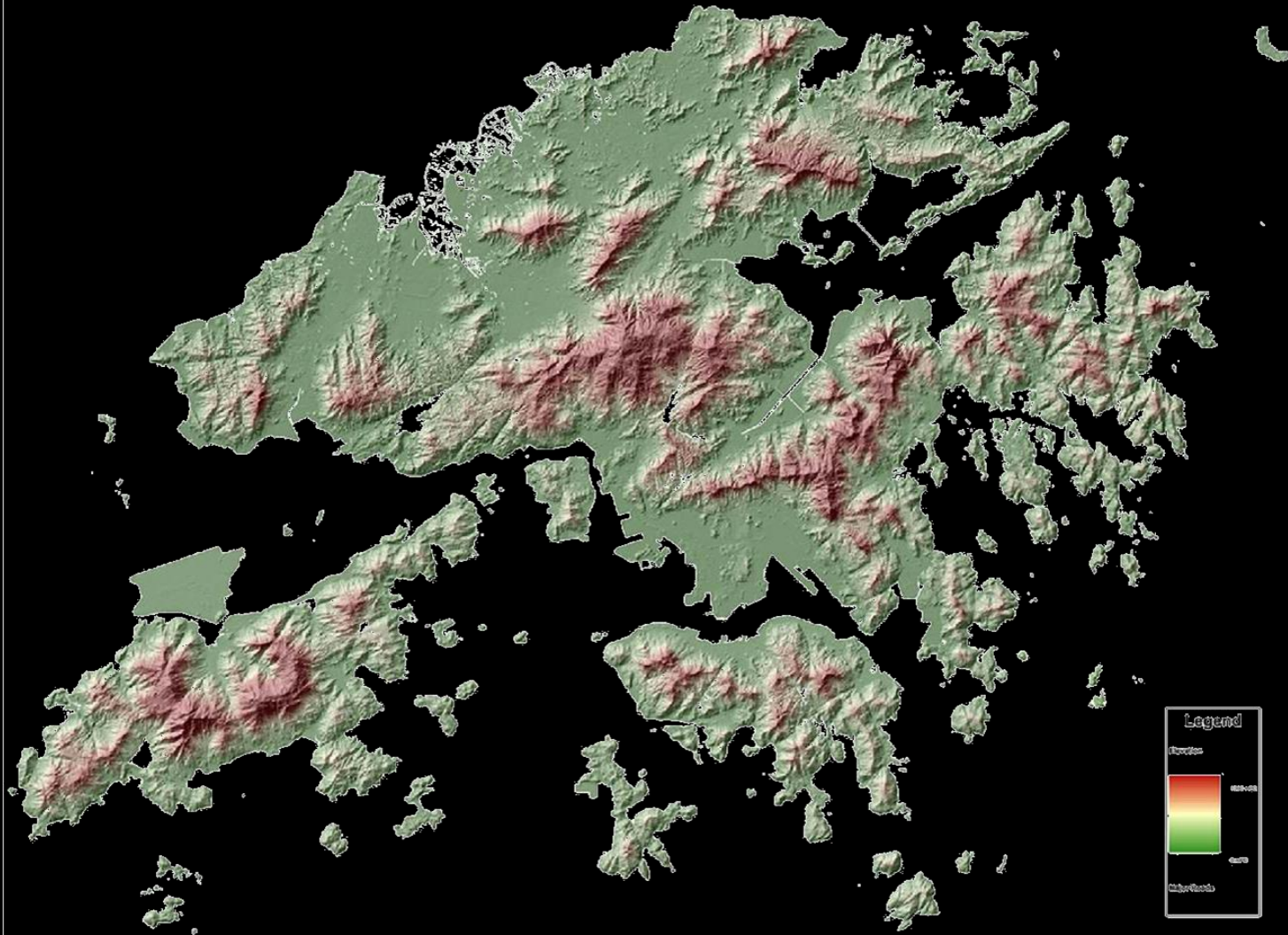


## Mission

To regulate hillside development and the design, construction and maintenance of slopes.



# Vulnerable Geographical Setting of Hong Kong



**Hilly Terrain**



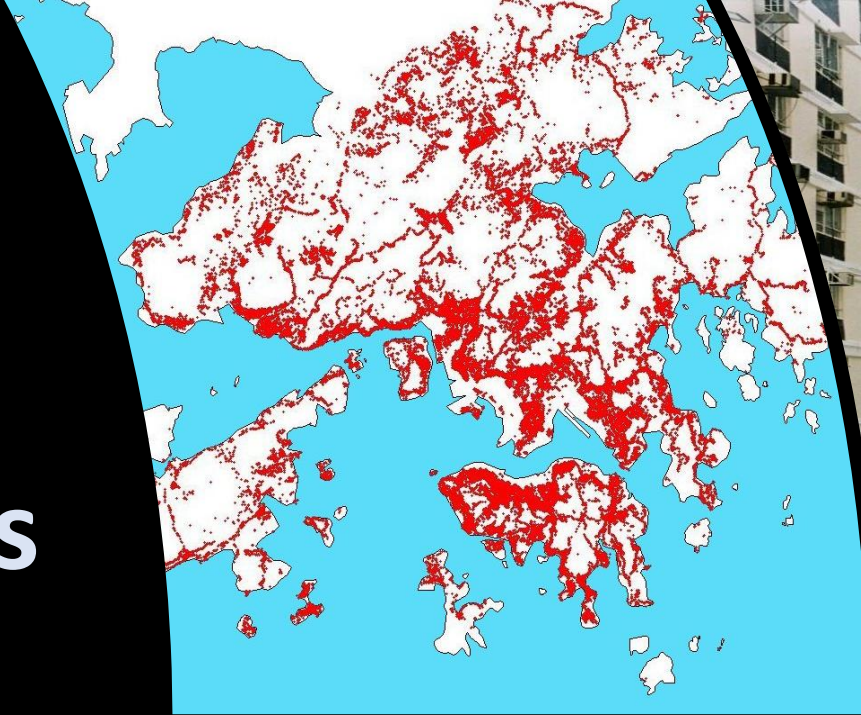
**Dense Population**

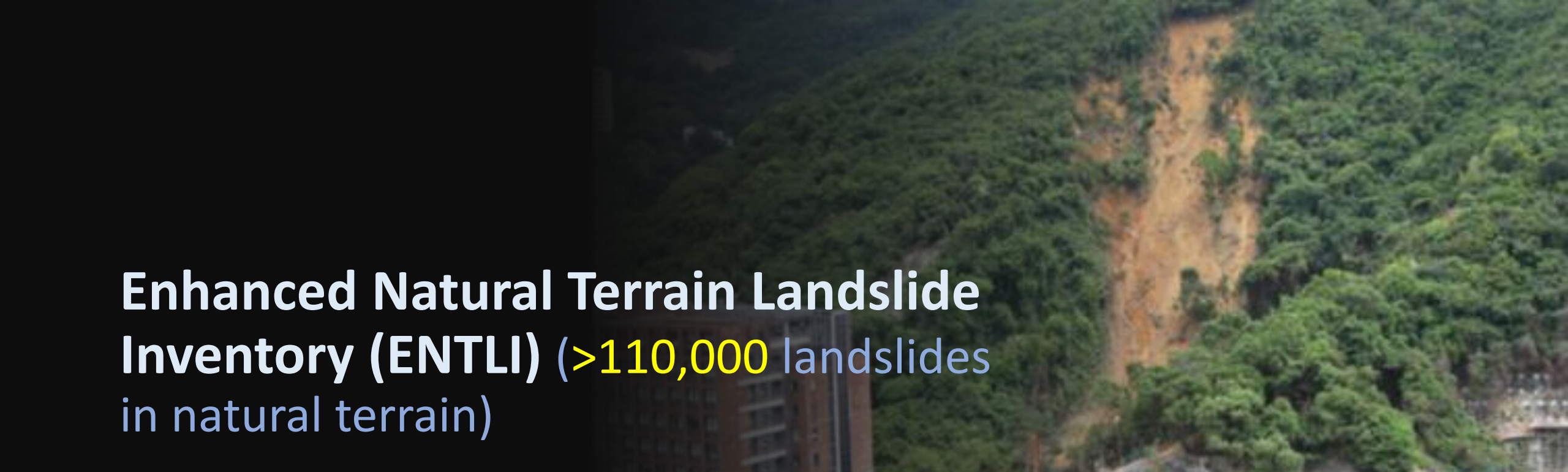


**Sub-tropical Climate  
with Heavy Rainfall**

# Catalogue of Slopes

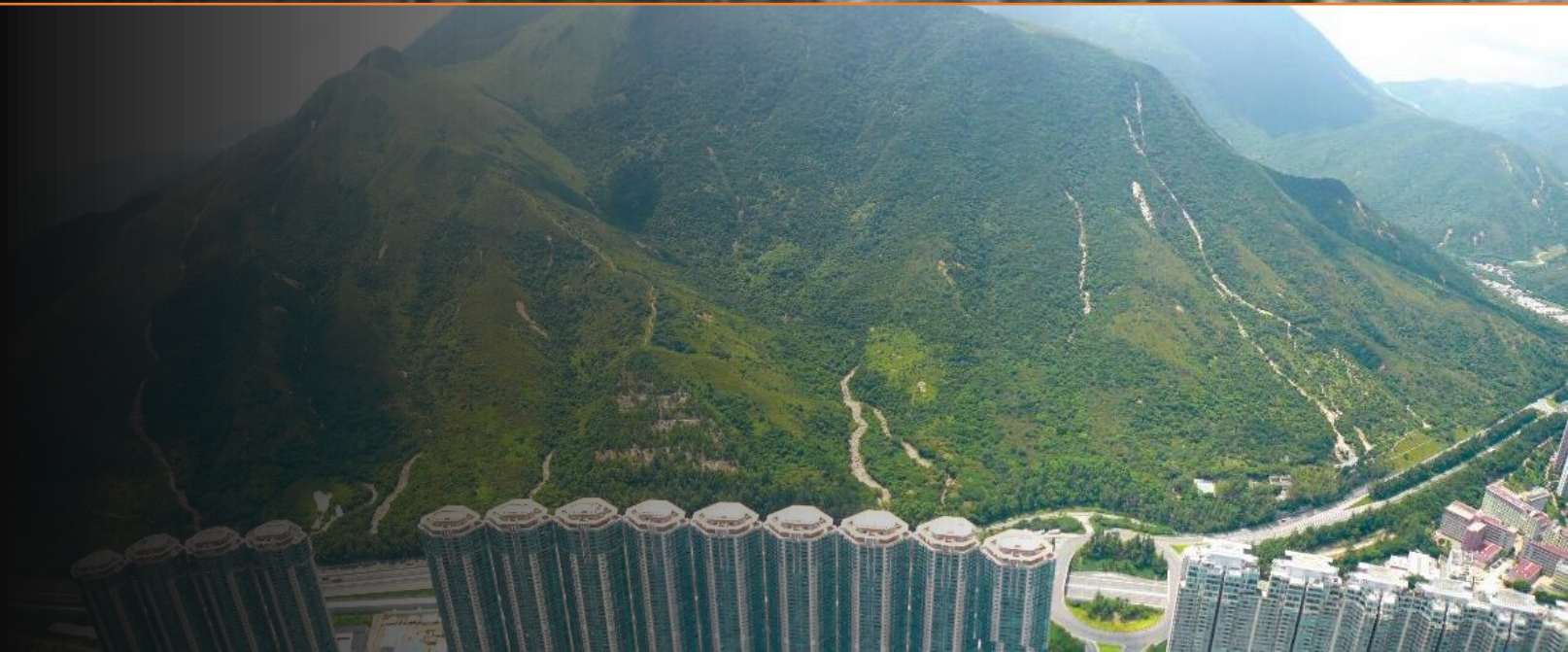
(about **60,000**  
registered sizeable  
man-made slopes)





**Enhanced Natural Terrain Landslide  
Inventory (ENTLI) (>110,000 landslides  
in natural terrain)**

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# Landslide Risk Management Strategies

Overall  
Landslide Risk  
in HK

Key strategies

HK Slope Safety System  
Set up by GEO

Contain risk from  
new developments

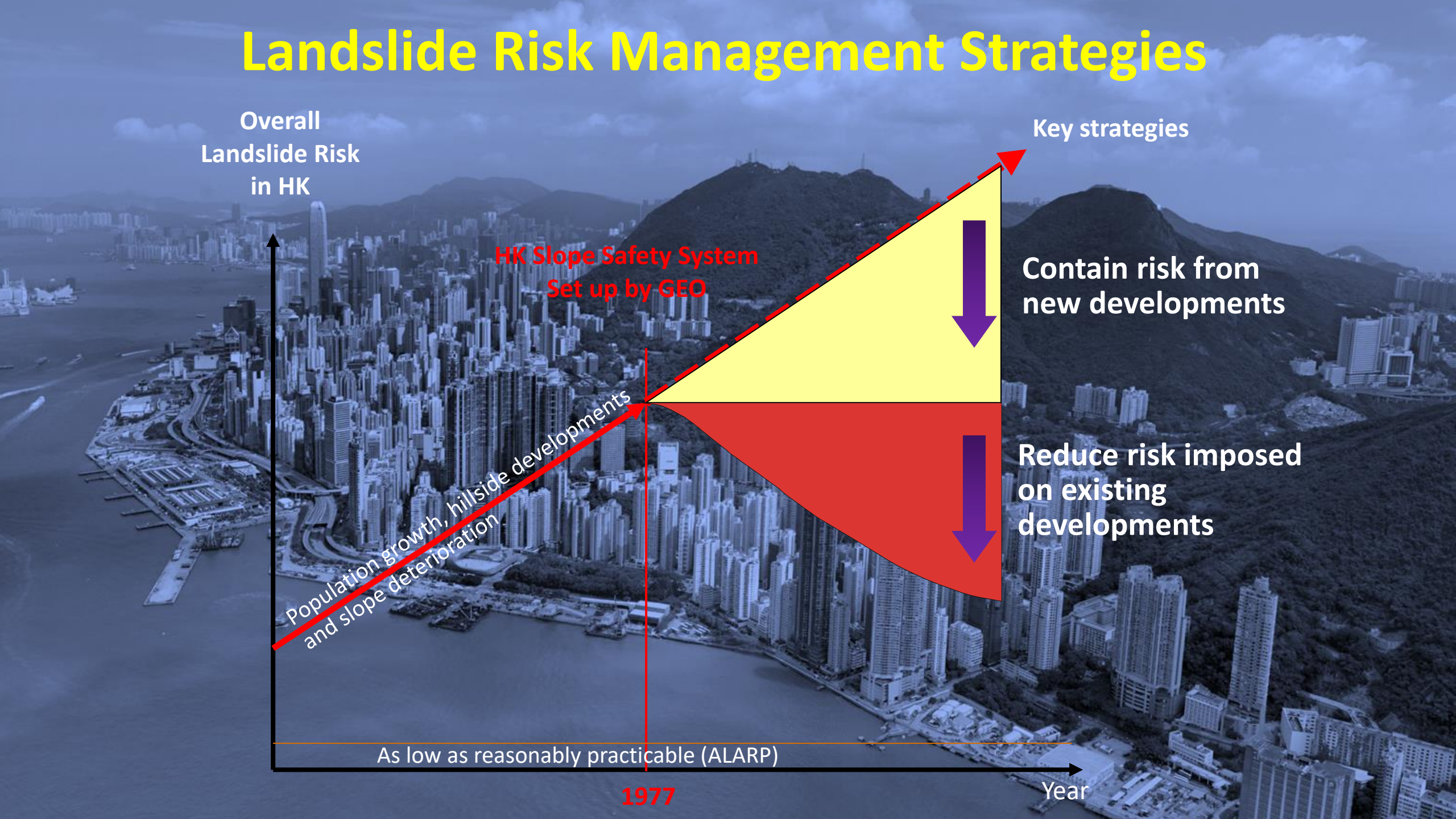
Reduce risk imposed  
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As low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)

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Year



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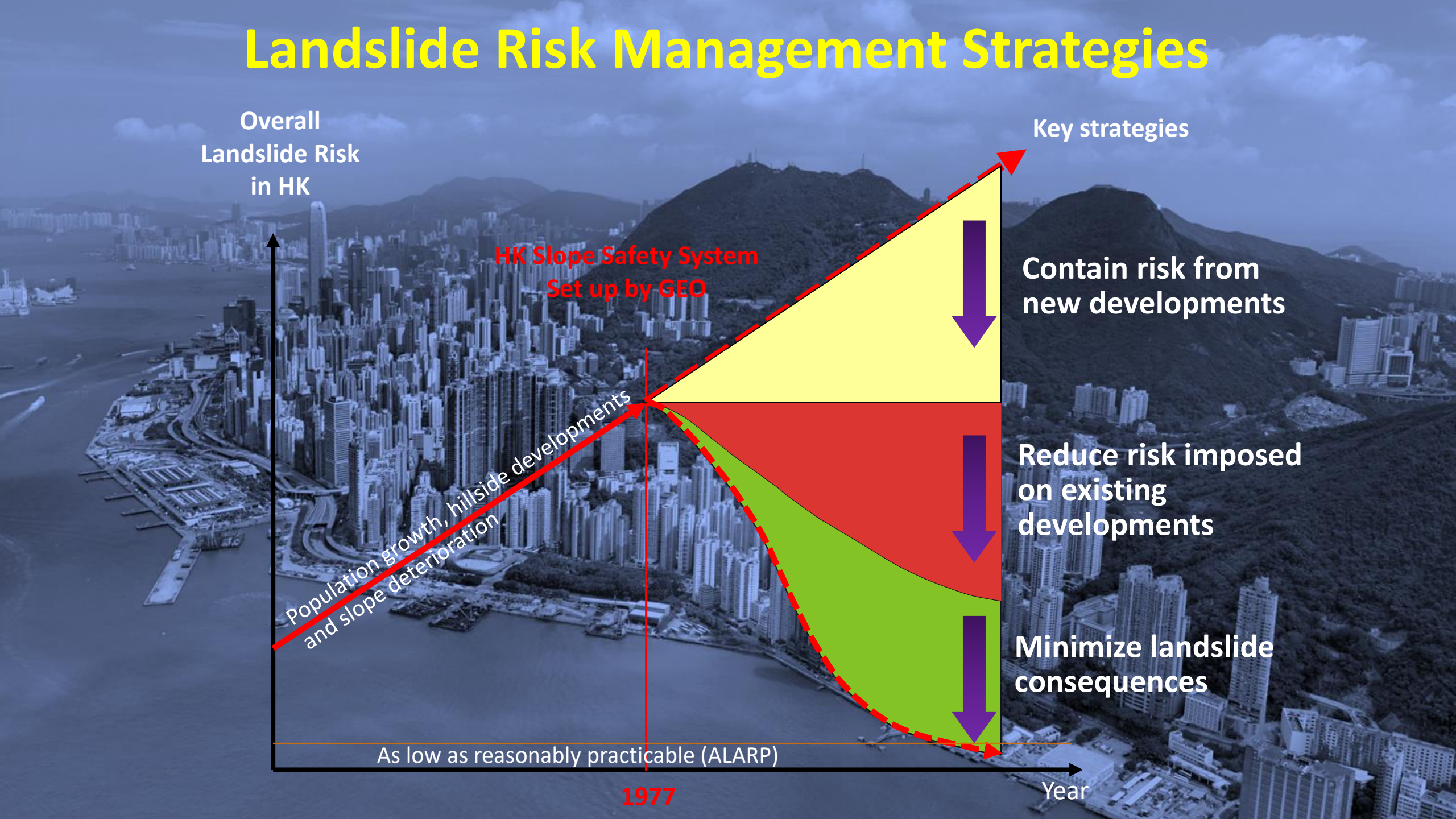
Minimize landslide  
consequences

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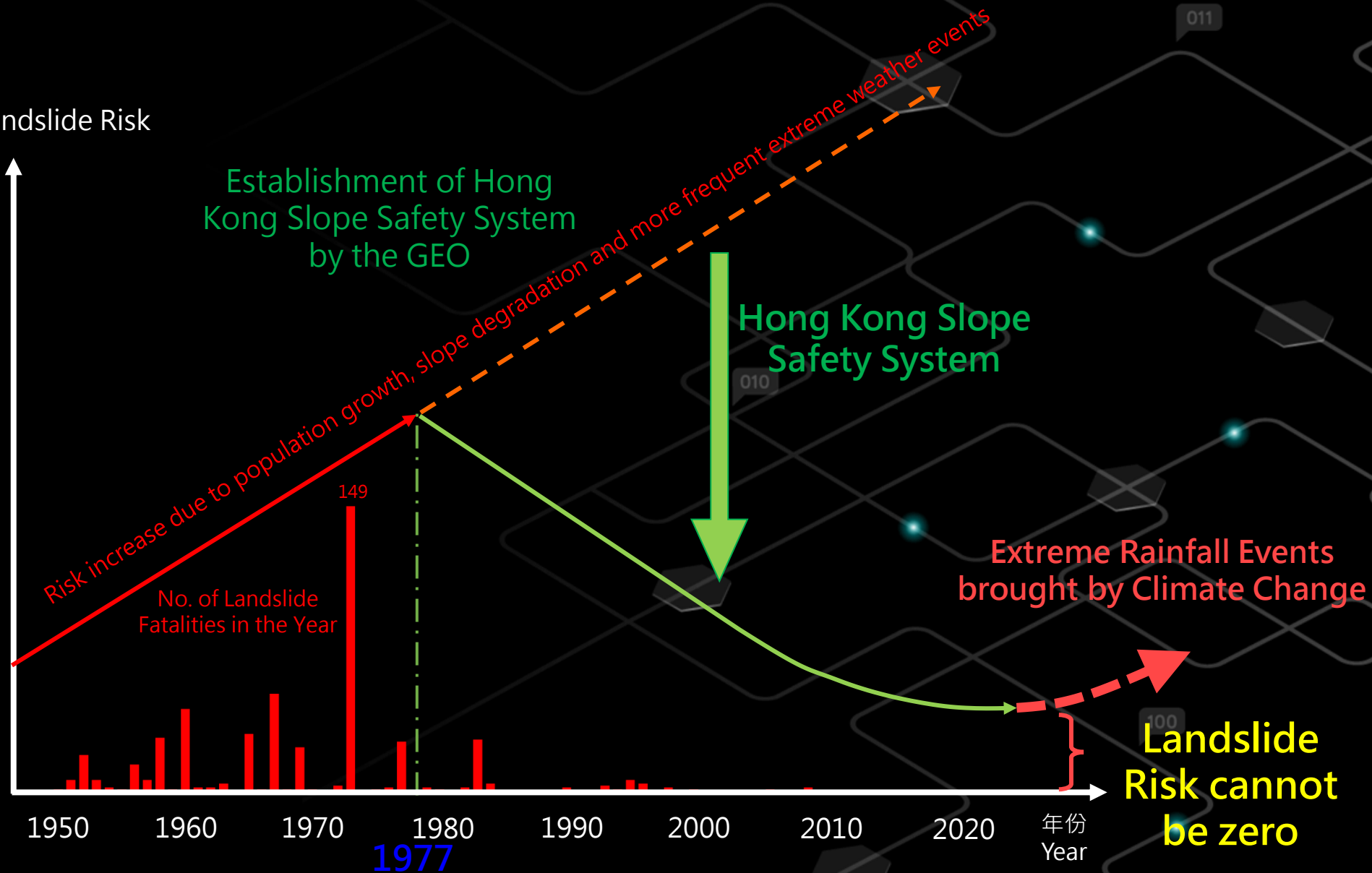
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# Landslide Risk in Hong Kong

Overall Landslide Risk



Establishment of Hong Kong Slope Safety System by the GEO

Hong Kong Slope Safety System

Risk increase due to population growth, slope degradation and more frequent extreme weather events

Extreme Rainfall Events brought by Climate Change

Landslide Risk cannot be zero

1950

1960

1970

1977

1990

2000

2010

2020

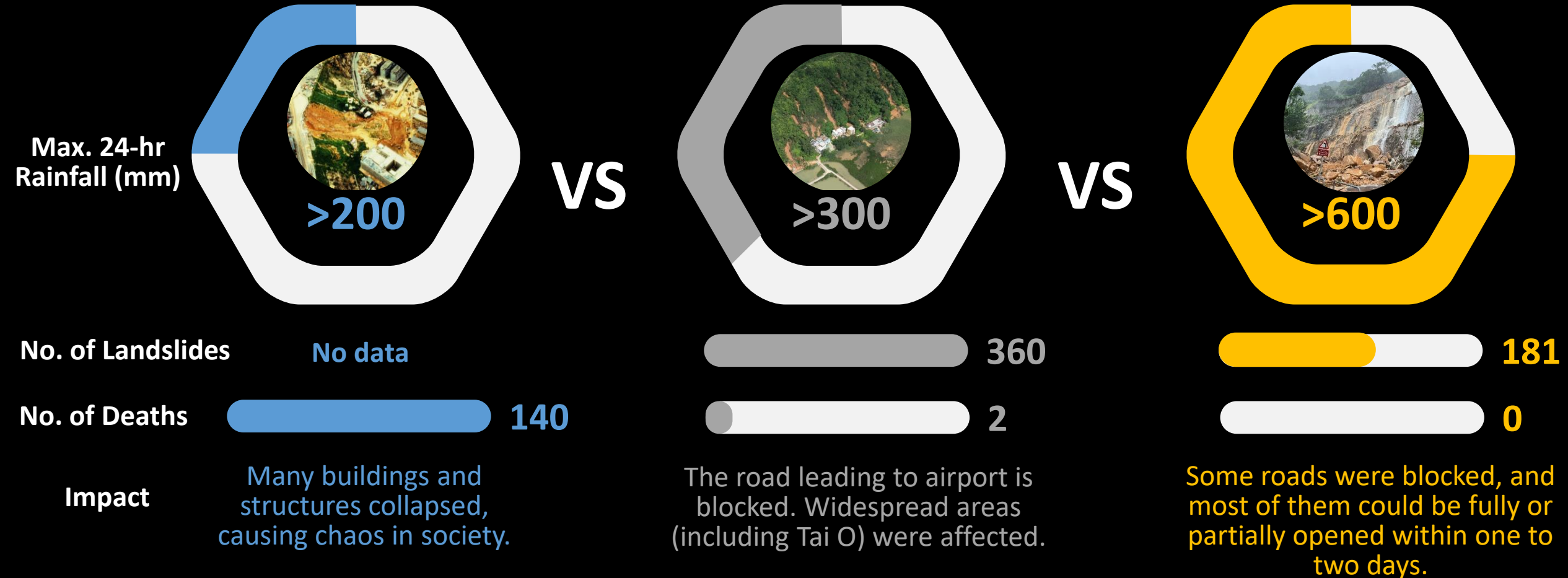
年份  
Year

# Comparing Three Major Rainstorms

18-6-1972

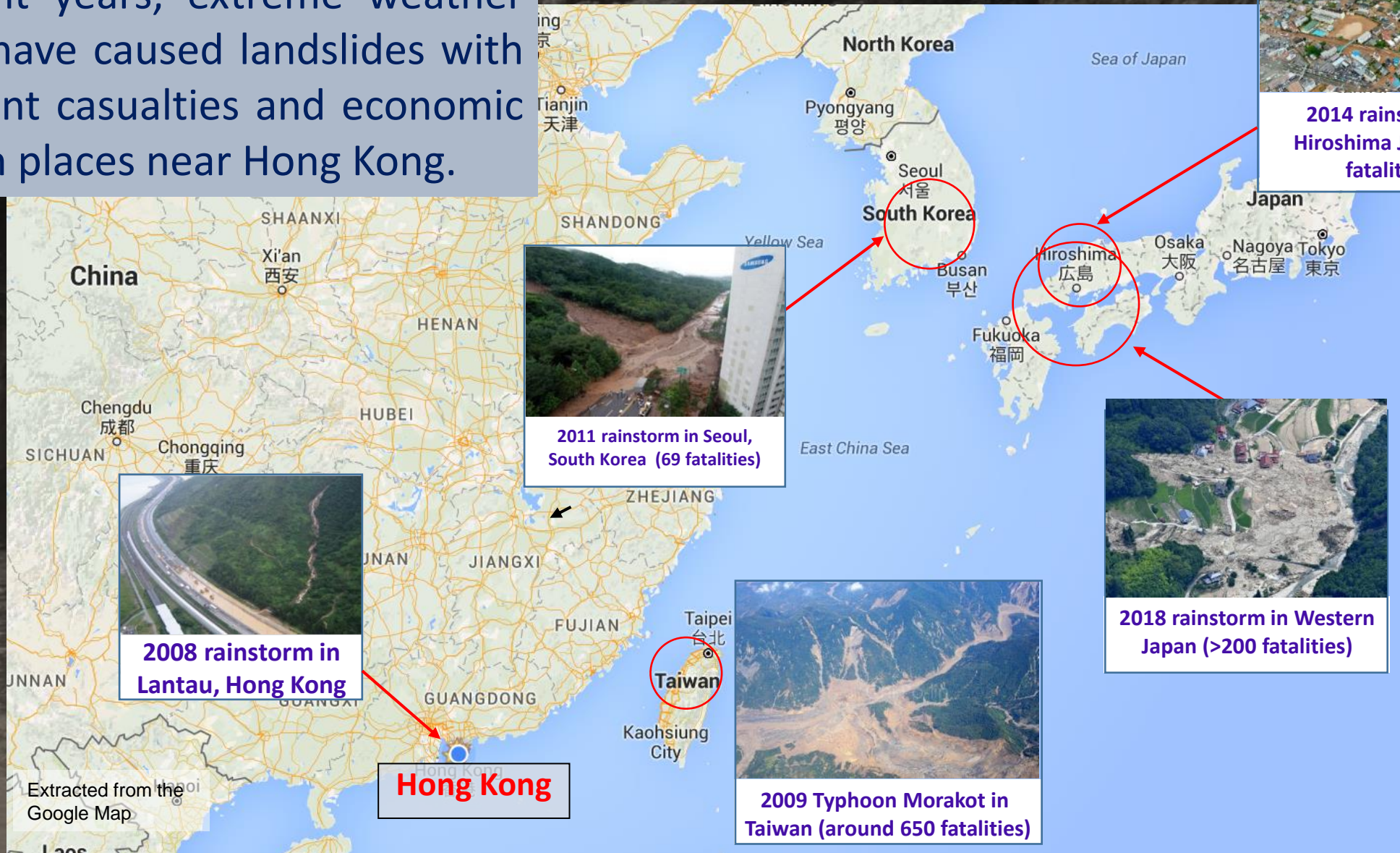
7-6-2008

8-9-2023



# Climate Change and Extreme Rainstorm Events

In recent years, extreme weather events have caused landslides with significant casualties and economic losses in places near Hong Kong.



A dramatic, dark sky filled with heavy, dark clouds and several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking downwards. The lightning is white and yellow, creating a stark contrast against the dark, stormy background. The overall atmosphere is one of intense power and danger.

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Enhance slope design standards and adopt innovative measures and technology

02

Improve the Government's emergency response capacity

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Improve community resilience against extreme rainstorm

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Development of new technologies

## Enhance slope design standards; adopt innovative measures and technology



Use of soil nails to enhance the robustness of slope

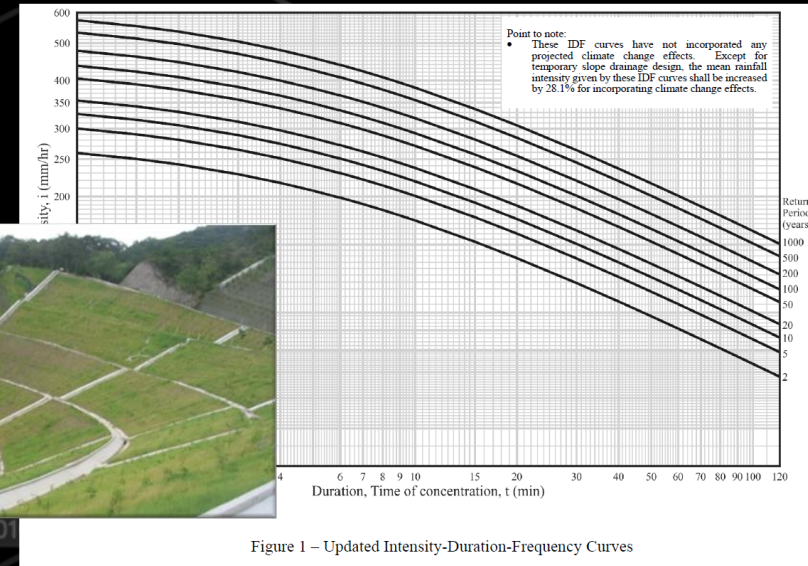
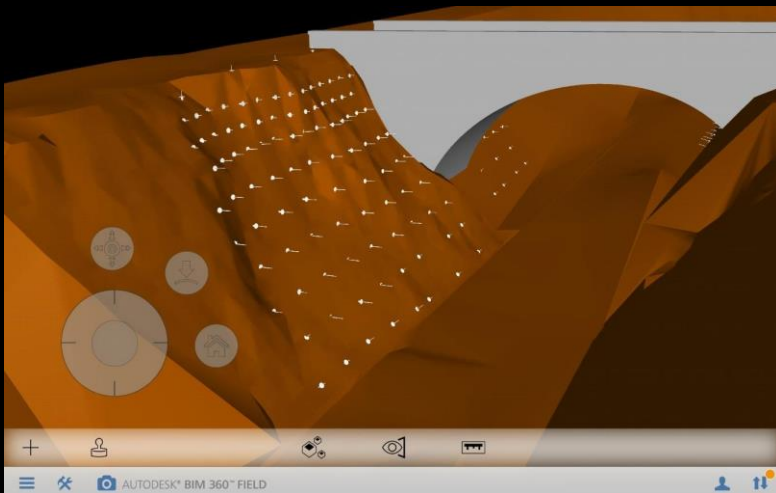
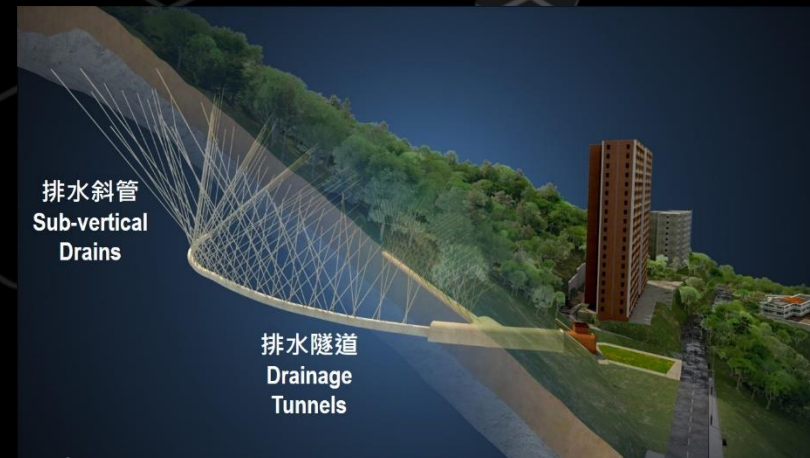


Figure 1 - Updated Intensity-Duration-Frequency Curves

Improve slope surface drainage



Adopt BIM for Slope Design



Use of drainage tunnel to regulate regional groundwater

# Improve the Government's emergency response capacity

## GEO Emergency Service



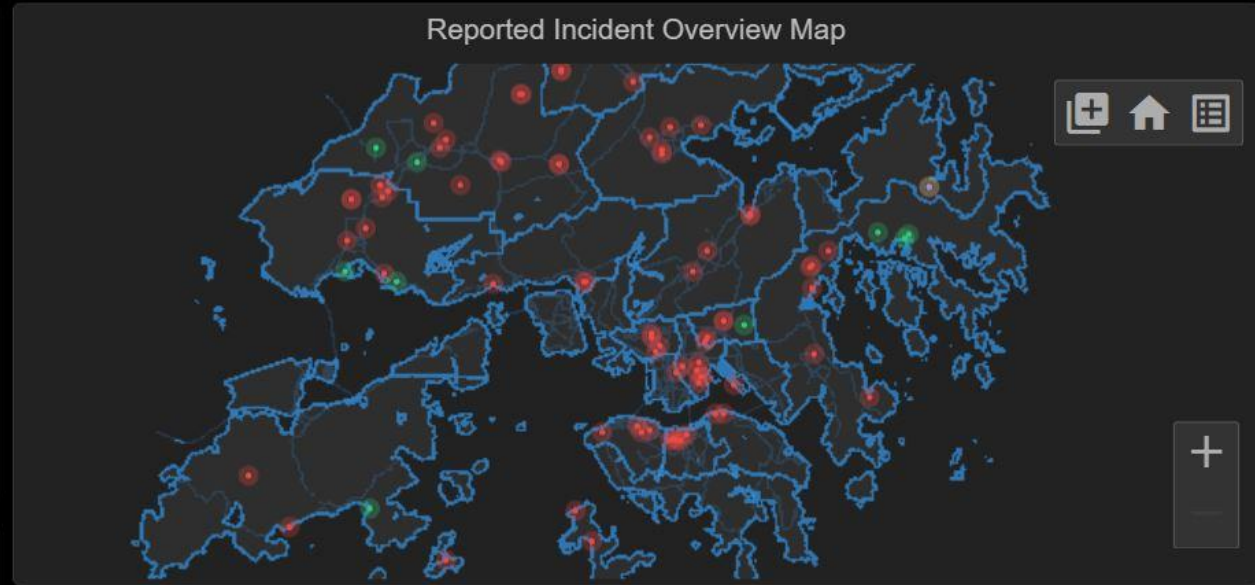


WORKS DEPTS FSD/HKPF TRAFFIC

Emergency Control Centre

- ArchSD Inactive
- BD Inactive
- CEDD Inactive
- DSD Inactive
- HB ICU Inactive
- HD Inactive

Status



GIS Map Platform

FULL FUNCTION MODE QUICK PREVIEW MODE

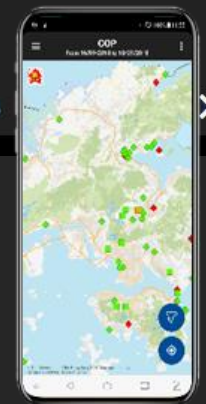
Radar (64km)

Incident Summary List

2022/06/3137 (Minor)  
Created Date: 09/06/2022 11:24:18

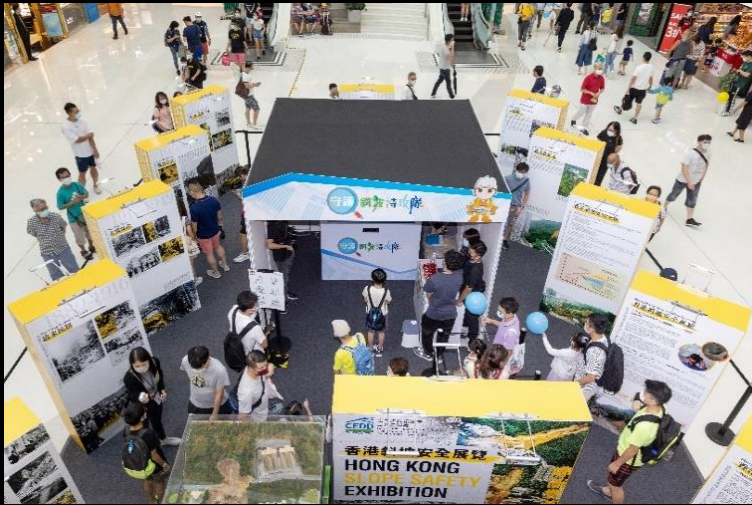


# Inter-departmental Multi-faceted Common Operational Picture



# Improving Community Resilience against Extreme Rainstorm

## Public Education Activities



## TV - API



## Landslip Warning



## Landslide Self-help Tips

**CEDD** Geotechnical Engineering Office  
Civil Engineering and  
Development Department



# Landslide Self-help Tips

*Keep away from slopes when landslide warning is in force or during heavy rainfall*

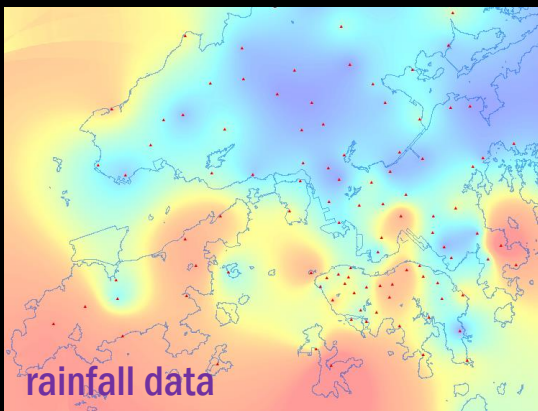



 CEDD Homepage : <http://www.cedd.gov.hk>  
 Hong Kong Slope Safety Website : <http://hkss.cedd.gov.hk>  
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 Home Affairs Department: 2835 2500 / 2835 1473

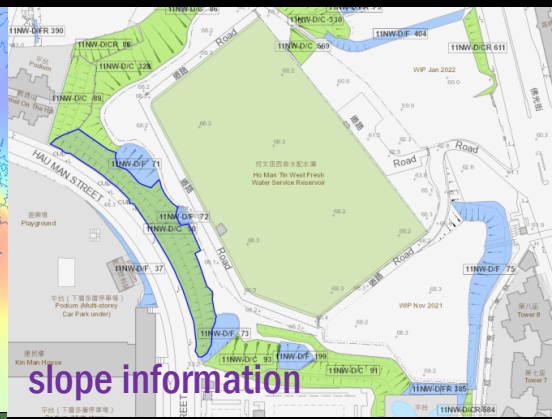
# Development of new technologies

## 1 Digital Technology

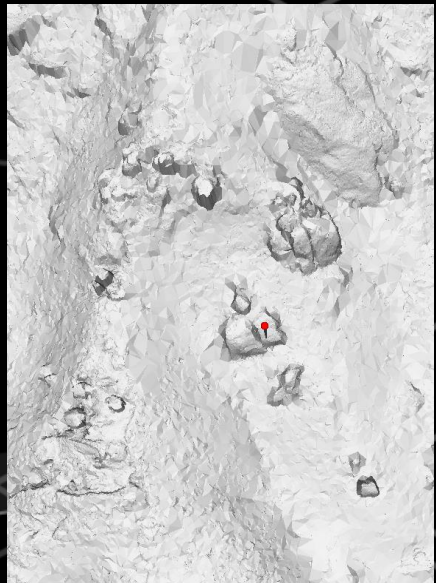
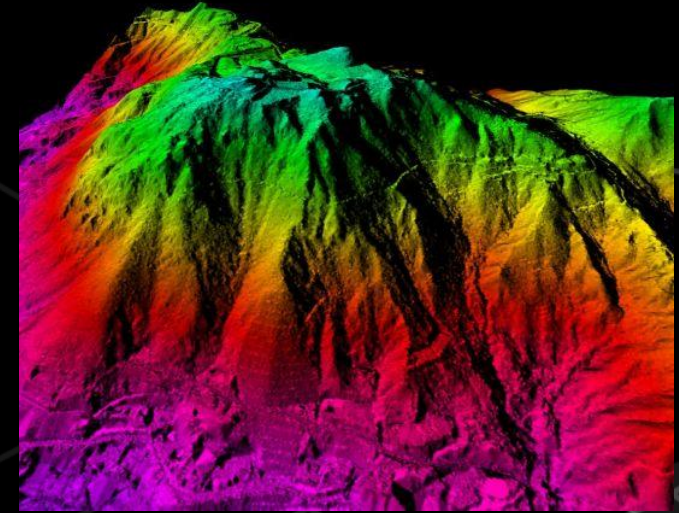
## 2 Remote Sensing and AI Technology



rainfall data



slope information



aerial photo



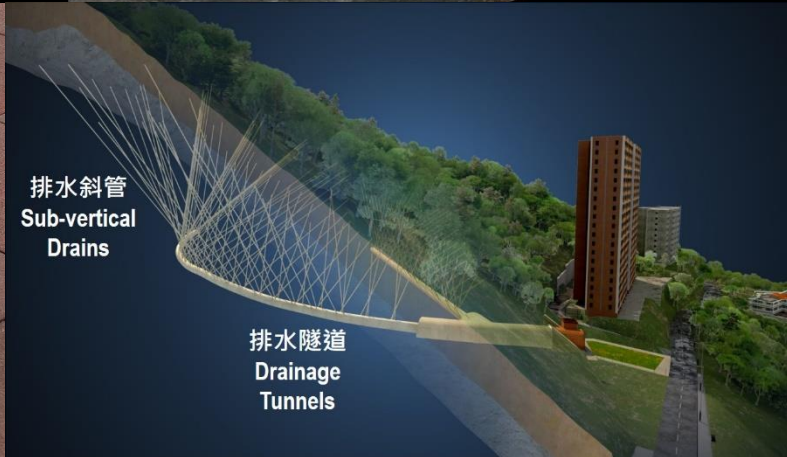
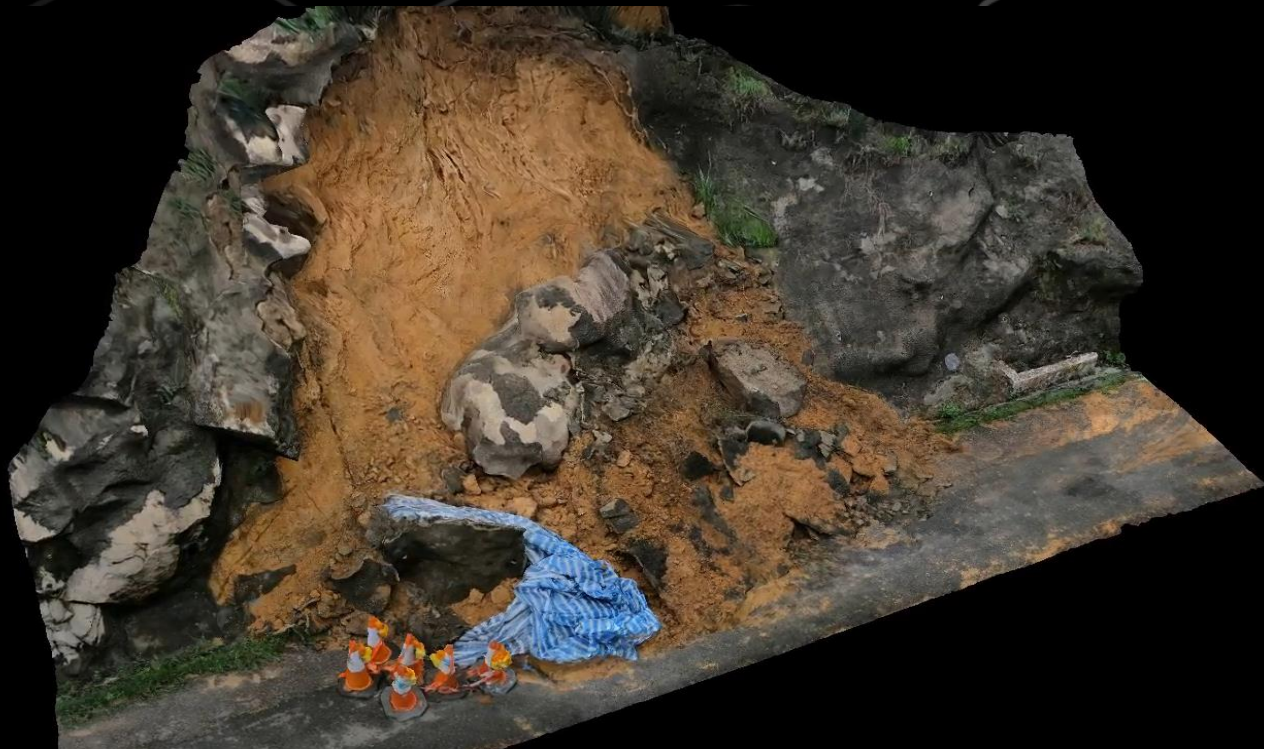
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# Robotics, IoT and Digital Twins

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## In closing,

- Climate change will likely cause more frequent extreme weather events and we should get prepared for them.
- The latest **innovation and technology** (I&T) is a good tool for us to get ourselves better prepared and to improve our services.
- The **collaboration** among all Government departments as is vital to deal with challenges caused by extreme weather.

# Expect the Unexpected

