

- **Sluice valve**
A valve installed in a pipeline disconnecting or controlling flowing water in the pipeline in order to keep the area without water supply as small as possible in case of a shutdown.
- **Pressure reducing valve**
A valve, installed on the way of a pipeline, to transform upstream high-pressure water into low-pressure water to deliver it to downstream.
- **Safety valve**
A valve to discharge water automatically in case of an abnormal water pressure, for the safety of its pipeline.
- **Air valve**
A valve installed at a high place in a pipeline, discharging air from the pipeline or inhale air from outside automatically.
- **Water service installation**
A service pipe branched from distribution pipe and water service implements (taps, etc) directly connected to the service pipe: In Kitakyushu City, maintenance and management of the water service installation must be done by its owner or user. Meanwhile, equipment in the downstream of receiving tank in receiving tank type water supply is not defined as water service installation under the Waterworks Law, but is generally called water supply facility.
- **Service pipe**
A pipe taken into a housing land or a house in order to supply water from distribution pipe or existing water service installation.
- **Tap**
A faucet installed at the end of a service pipe which is generally called a "tap".
- **Coverage area of water supply**
The district as stipulated in the project plan relating to the permission of the operation of Water Utility where the water supply is available through distribution pipes: In Kitakyushu City, the whole city area (excluding mountain-ringed regions) and Asiya Town are designated as the coverage area of water supply.
- **Population served**
The number of people who receive water supply in coverage area of water supply.
- **Population served by water supply**
A rate of the population served to the population within the coverage area of water supply (or population within the administrative district).
- **Revenue earning water**
Amount of water (settled water consumption) subject to the collection of water tariff.
- **Non-revenue earning water ratio**
Amount of water not have been subject to the collection of water tariff, such as those not measured by water meter, used for fire fighting, etc.
- **Revenue earning water ratio**
The rate of revenue earning water to the amount of water supply.
- **Revenue bond**
One of the municipal bonds, which is financed by a long-term debt in order to apply to the fund necessary for construction, improvement of the facilities relating to regional public enterprises, and is redeemed by the income of the enterprises to be gained in and after the next FY.
- **Government grant**
A national treasury disbursement delivered to municipalities when it is particularly necessary for the government to implement the policies, or when it is recognized by the government to be particularly necessary for financial reasons for the municipalities: The former incentive grant is delivered to the Water Utility.
- **Reserved fund of profit and loss account**
The account which is recorded as an expense without any cash expenditure in terms of capital expenditure, including depreciation expense, etc.: The reserved fund can be used as the financial resource for compensating for the capital expenditure.
- **Construction account brought forward**
A brought-forward fund, among the expenses as budgeted for the construction and improvement of facilities but not spent in the pertinent FY due to a delay in construction, etc.: to be used only in next FY: Meanwhile, the construction account brought forward has the same effect as a budget without being included in the budget of the next FY if an accounting statement is reported in the City Assembly.