Water still an existential issue, despite advances

Singapore has made big steps towards water security but still gets most of its raw water from Johor.

Singapore’s water security

STILL A STRATEGIC ISSUE

Singapore’s position has consistently been that it would not concede to another country’s needs if there was no benefit to our own people and economy. Singapore’s water plan has been seen as a strategic issue, indicative of the country’s resolve to manage its resources carefully.

Singapore’s land mass is channelled imperially to cope with water scarcity. It was completed in the 1860s, the Singapore Reservoir is the world’s largest. Singapore’s catchments also serve as test beds for floating solar panels, as well as experiments in algae growth and pollution control.

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