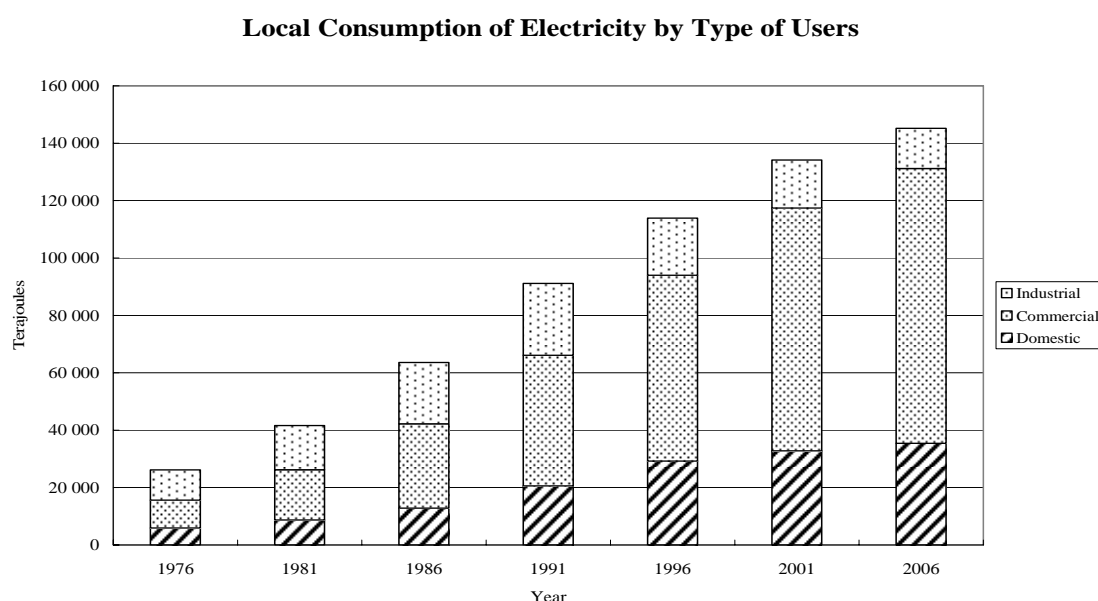


Growth Rate of Local Electricity Consumption Is Comparable to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Growth Rate

- In 2006, local electricity consumption was 145 204 terajoules. Compared with 1976, the average annual growth rate was 5.9%. Over the same period, the average annual growth rate of GDP in real terms was 5.8%.
- Owing to the structural change of Hong Kong's economy, percentage of electricity consumed by industrial users over total local consumption fell from 40% in 1976 to 10% in 2006. On the other hand, percentage of electricity consumed by commercial users over total local consumption rose from 37% to 66%.
- During 1986 to 2006, electricity consumed by domestic users increased by 177%. The number of domestic households increased only by 51% over the same period. Along with the improvement in standard of living over the past two decades, average electricity consumption per domestic household rose significantly.



Note: 1 terajoule = 10^{12} joules

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