



Partnership

Meteorological Chiefs Visit the Observatory

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Mr Rob Varley, Chief Executive of United Kingdom Meteorological Office (UKMO), Dr Shin Tzay-chyn, Director-General of Taiwan's weather service, and Dr Ko Yunhwa, Administrator of Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), visited the Observatory on 26 October, 12 November and 8 December 2015 respectively. The Director of the Hong Kong Observatory introduced the latest developments of the Observatory in public weather services, climatological services, climate change research and other areas to the visitors and explored co-operation opportunities in various fields. During the visit by the KMA Administrator, the Korean version of the World Weather Information Service (WWIS) website was launched (see article below for details).



Mr SHUN Chi-ming (right), Director of the Observatory, presents a souvenir to Mr Rob Varley, Chief Executive of UKMO.



Dr Shin Tzay-chyn (fourth from left), Director-General of Taiwan's weather service, visits the Central Forecasting Office of the Observatory.

Korean Version of WWIS Launched

TONG Yu-fai

The Observatory and KMA have jointly launched the Korean version of the WWIS website to offer Korean-speaking communities the latest weather information in their native language. At present, the website is available in 11 languages and provides the updated official weather forecasts of over 1,800 cities in the world.



Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (left), and Dr Ko Yunhwa, Administrator of KMA, preside at the launching ceremony of the Korean version of WWIS.

MOU Signed with PAGASA

HUI Tai-wai

The Hong Kong Observatory has signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) to enhance co-operation. Over the years, the Observatory and PAGASA have joined hands in various areas, and the signing of the MOU will see the two sides expand the scope of partnership in the development of global and regional meteorological services, including aviation weather services, remote sensing application, numerical weather prediction product development, climate simulation and forecast, high-impact weather research, as well as the sharing of meteorological data and observation technology.



Mr SHUN Chi-ming (first from left), Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, is pictured with PAGASA staff.

GAR15 Seminar at Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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Mr SHUN Chi-ming (centre, front row) and Mr Edwin LAI (fourth from left, back row) are pictured with fellow participants.

On 2 December 2015, Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory and Mr Edwin LAI, Assistant Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, attended the Global Assessment Report 2015 (GAR15) launch ceremony and seminar jointly organised by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). At the event, participants exchanged insights and views on resilience to climate change and how to enhance public awareness on disaster prevention.