

## World Meteorological Congress Once Every Four Years

Lee Lap-shun

The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, and Senior Scientific Officer, Mr Lee Lap-shun, attended the World Meteorological Congress held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 3-14 June. They discussed and formulated the future development strategy and long-term plan of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) with other members of the WMO and – on behalf of Hong Kong, China – spoke and proposed amendments on various draft resolutions.

The Director also held several Asia region meetings and oversaw discussions by representatives from countries in Asia on various important issues including the WMO constituent body reform, new weather service initiatives and infrastructure, and collaboration between partners.



The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, speaking at the World Meteorological Congress

In addition, the Director assisted in the discussion and adoption of the framework of the “Global Multi-hazard Alert System”, proposed by Hong Kong and several other members of the WMO. As part of its governance reform, the WMO has established two new commissions to consolidate the existing eight technical commissions. The Director was elected as a co-Vice-President of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services, and will continue to contribute to the WMO.



The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, leading the Asia region meetings

## Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, Visits the Observatory

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The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, visited the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) on 15 July, to learn about its latest developments. Joining him were four participants of the “Be a Government Official for a Day” programme.

Mr Cheung first received a briefing from the Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, on the Observatory’s latest developments, particularly in enhancing Hong Kong’s preparedness for natural disasters, and providing meteorological and related services through science, innovation and partnerships.

Mr Cheung then proceeded to the Central Forecasting Office, for an update on HKO’s round-the-clock weather forecasting services for use by public, aviation, shipping and engineering sectors, as well as the work on monitoring radiation levels. He was also given a tour to HKO’s TV studio.

Mr Cheung commended HKO colleagues for their dedication to reducing the impact of inclement weather on Hong Kong’s society and economy.

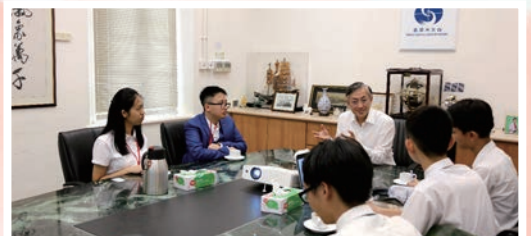
Prior to his departure, Mr Cheung visited the History Room, where he was given a presentation on the achievements and transformation of HKO since it was established 136 years ago. He praised HKO for its dedication to the vision of being “A Model of Excellence in Protecting Lives and Building Together a Better Society through Science”. Mr Cheung also encouraged HKO colleagues to continue serving the public in a dedicated and professional manner.



The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung (front row, third from left), the Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (front row, second from left), officers of the Observatory and “Be a Government Official for a Day” programme participants

## The Observatory Participated in “Be a Government Official for a Day” 2019 Programme

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Two secondary school students, Chan Hau-man (first from left) and Billy Lee Kwan-yeung (second from left) “Job-shadowed” the Director, gaining close-up experience of his busy daily schedule, including being interviewed by the student association of Wah Yan College Kowloon for their publication.

On 15 July, the work schedule of the Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, was a little unusual. Two secondary school students, Hau-man and Billy, visited the Observatory and job-shadowed the Director, gaining close-up experience of his busy daily schedule. After the day of job shadowing, the two students frankly said the service innovations of the Observatory and the enthusiasm of the staff had changed their previous perceptions that working in Government departments is tedious and boring.