

Existing and planned measures on the promotion of racial equality

Hong Kong Observatory

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) aims to provide high quality meteorological services to meet the needs of the general public, as well as other special users including the shipping and aviation sectors. HKO attaches great importance to ensuring equal access to our services by all members of the public, irrespective of their ethnic background.

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| Services
Concerned | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● HKO is responsible for (a) providing weather forecasts and issuing warnings on hazardous weather; (b) providing information on environmental radiation levels in Hong Kong; and (c) maintaining the Hong Kong time standard and providing, geophysical, oceanographic, astronomical and climatological information.
● Information about HKO weather warning and services is available on HKO's website in the two official languages of Hong Kong (i.e. Chinese and English). Personalised weather website has also been launched to provide basic weather information in different languages¹.
● Informative and educational leaflets/booklets are also published in both official languages for distribution to the general public. In addition, HKO has translated three leaflets about weather warnings (<i>"Hong Kong's Tropical Cyclone Warning Signals"</i>², <i>"Rainstorm Warning System"</i>³ and <i>"The Strong Monsoon Signal"</i>⁴) into different languages¹ which have been uploaded onto HKO's website. |
| Assessment of
Future Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● HKO will review our services from time to time, with a view to meeting the needs of people of diverse race. |

¹ Languages include Hindi, Nepali, Urdu, Thai, Bahasa Indonesia, Tagalog, Punjabi and Vietnamese.

² Publication No. 33

³ Publication No. 20

⁴ Publication No. 35

Additional
Measures
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- HKO will provide more weather warning leaflets/booklets in languages of difference races in coming years.
- HKO will organise educational activities for ethnic minorities as needed, such as visits to HKO.

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