

## Partnership



### “Hong Kong Observatory - Under the Same Sky 130 Years” Exhibition

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) staged the “Hong Kong Observatory - Under the Same Sky 130 Years” exhibition jointly with the Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH) from 10 July to 2 September. More than 100 exhibits and photographs were on show, attracting more than 146,000 visitors in total. Compliments such as “very informative”, “an eye opener”, “disaster prevention awareness enhanced”, “for the well-being of people”, etc., were also received. During the exhibition period, four public lectures were organised and conducted by four distinguished guests, namely Prof. HO Pui-yin of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Mr LAM Chiu-ying, former Director of HKO, Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of HKO and Dr Joseph TING, Museum Expert Adviser of HKMH. They were well received by the public and enthusiastic interactions between the speakers and audience were seen in all the lectures.

The success of this exhibition is attributable to the great collaborative effort among all partners, local and overseas included. Special thanks to HKMH, Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Hong Kong Space Museum, Shanghai Meteorological Bureau and local collectors, Mr CHENG Po-hung and Mr Ricky YAM, for their generous loans of exhibits. These invaluable collections greatly enriched the exhibition and brought much benefit to the public. Besides, tributes must be paid to the HKMH project team, Observatory's colleagues, “Friends of the Observatory” docents, as well as docents from HKMH, for their active participation and contribution to the event. Without their vivid descriptions of the exhibits and skillful oral presentations offered during scheduled tours, the 130-year long history of HKO could not have been presented with such a success. Their sincere effort to recall and share collective memories with the visitors definitely deserves a big round of applause!

Following the close of the exhibition, a “virtual tour” project is underway to preserve the essence of the exhibits. The resulting webpage will be made available on HKO’s website. Stay tuned!



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### The Shipping Community Witnessed a Breakthrough of the HKVOS

On 28 May, members of the Shipping Community witnessed a breakthrough of the Hong Kong Voluntary Observing Ships (HKVOS) at the fourth meeting of the Liaison Group for the Shipping Community of the Observatory. Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Observatory, presented certificates to OOCL Long Beach, the first HKVOS installed with automatic meteorological observation system, and OOCL Yokohama, the first HKVOS upgraded to Voluntary Observation Ship (Climate). The former can perform frequent weather observation automatically whereas the latter can provide high quality weather reports in support of long-range climate research. Looking ahead, the Observatory will continue its effort to increase the number of HKVOS in both categories with a view to enhancing the quantity and quality of maritime weather observations.



▲ Automatic weather station aboard a HKVOS

▼ OOCL Long Beach.

