

New Services from the Observatory



Editorial Board

At a press conference held on 17 March 2014, the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr SHUN Chi-ming, introduced a number of new services that will soon be launched (see below) and presented a forecast of the annual rainfall that would affect Hong Kong and the number of tropical cyclones that would come within 500 km of the territory this year. He also explained the impact of climate change on Hong Kong. The Director took the opportunity to remind the public to remain vigilant against inclement weather, enhance their awareness of disaster prevention and take appropriate precautions against climate change.

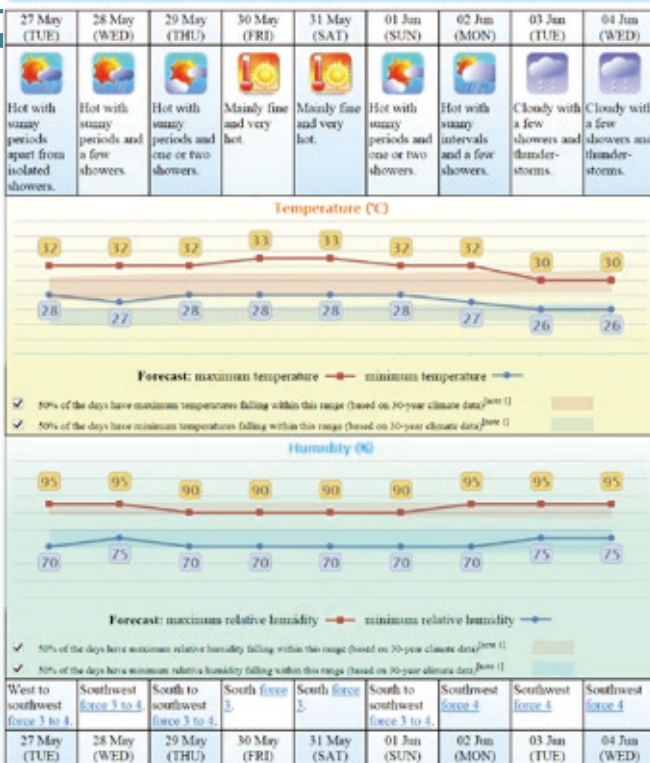
One Week and Beyond Weather Forecast Extended to 9 Days

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With effect from 1 April 2014, the Hong Kong Observatory has extended its weather forecasts from 7 to 9 days, which will give the public earlier warning of changes in the weather and enable them to plan their activities and make proper preparations well in advance. What's more, the use of chart presentation in the enhanced service will give users a clearer picture of weather trends. Mr CHUNG Kin-man, the first Hong Kong mountaineer to conquer the Seven Summits, welcomed the news: "The extended forecast will allow people who engage in outdoor activities to plan their routes days ahead and make sure they are properly equipped for the different weather conditions they may encounter, ensuring that their activities proceed smoothly and safely." Renowned photographer Will CHO commented: "With a longer-range weather forecast, photographers can envisage the subject matter of their photo shoots, such as views of clouds or fog, at an earlier time. This will help us choose the best location for the shoot and assemble the proper equipment in advance."

General Situation:

The trough of low pressure now bringing showers over the coast of Guangdong and the northeastern part of the South China Sea will weaken gradually in the next couple of days. The subtropical ridge is expected to strengthen again towards weekend, bringing fine and very hot weather to the coastal areas of Guangdong.



New 9-day weather forecast webpage