

Partnership

The Observatory and Hongkong Post Jointly Promote "Weather Phenomenon" Special Stamps

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At the 2014 Hong Kong Observatory Open Day, the Observatory's director Mr SHUN Chi-ming joined hands with Hong Kong's Postmaster General Mrs Jessie TING to promote the territory's first ever set of special stamps featuring a "weather phenomenon" theme, autographing philatelic products for the enthusiastic members of the public who packed the venue.



Mr SHUN Chi-ming (2nd from left) and Mrs Jessie TING (3rd from left) autograph philatelic products for members of the public at the Hong Kong Observatory Open Day.

The "Weather Phenomenon" stamp series consists of seven designs featuring rainbow, frost, clouds, lightning, fog, rain and typhoons, while a special typhoon-themed stamp sheetlet features satellite images of Typhoon Vicente as it approached Hong Kong in July 2012. According to Mr Shun, the special stamps are a dream come true for weather fans, who can now appreciate the beauty of meteorological conditions through stamps; at the same time, they represent a valuable contribution to the efforts to promote a better understanding of weather among the public.

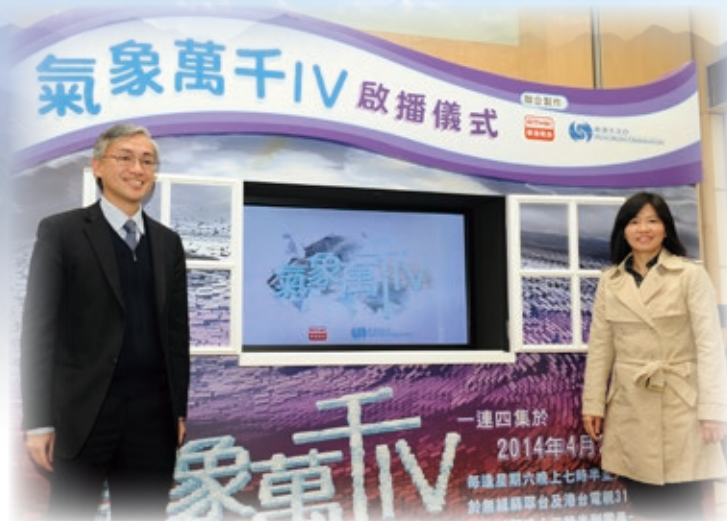
Whether you are a collector or not, these stamps are not to be missed!



"Weather Phenomenon" stamps, first day cover, presentation pack and booklet.

Meteorology Series IV: A Joint Effort with RTHK

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The Director of the Observatory, Mr SHUN Chi-ming, and the Controller (TV) of Radio Television Hong Kong, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, officiate at the launch ceremony of "Meteorology Series IV".

To increase public awareness of inclement weather and climate change as we face up to the challenges of the future, the Observatory teamed up with Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) to produce Meteorology Series IV, which was broadcast simultaneously on TVB Jade and RTHK TV31 from **7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** on four consecutive **Saturdays starting on 26 April**.

Set against the climate change triggered by modern civilisation, the four episodes of Meteorology Series IV looked into the underlying causes of the changes in intensity and frequency of extreme weather phenomena, such as rainstorms, droughts and typhoons, brought about by climate change and their associated impact on mankind. Filming extreme weather conditions at first hand in places ranging from our hometown of Hong Kong, our close neighbours the Philippines and Vietnam, to distant countries such as Greenland and Lesotho in southern Africa, the series offered expert meteorological analysis and invited the public to reflect on the relationship between the development of human civilisation and its impact on Mother Nature.