



## The Observatory Actively Promotes Aviation Meteorology Education



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From March to May this year, the Hong Kong Observatory introduced the Observatory's aviation meteorological services to members of the Hong Kong Youth Aviation Academy (HKYAA) and the Scout Association of Hong Kong and provided them with training on aviation meteorology. The youngsters all reported back that the talks and visits had given them a far better understanding of this important subject.

## Hong Kong Observatory Helps Boost Co-operation between IMO and WMO

MOK Hing-yim



The Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (left) introduces the history of the Observatory to Mr Koji SEKIMIZU

Mr Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), visited the Observatory on 4 March as part of a Hong Kong Government-sponsored programme. During his visit, he was introduced to the recent efforts of the Observatory to enhance weather observation at sea in support of public and marine weather services, which have included the installation of automatic weather stations on board the Observatory's Voluntary Observing Ships as well as international co-operation under the umbrella of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Mr Sekimizu was most interested in the WMO's new initiatives to study the Arctic region and recognised the importance of weather observation and forecasting for global shipping. Following his visit to the Observatory, he wrote to the Secretary-General of the WMO seeking to strengthen the co-operation between the two organisations for the benefit of marine safety.

# Meteorology Series IV Finale

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The last episode of Meteorology Series IV, a joint effort between the Hong Kong Observatory and Radio Television Hong Kong, was broadcast in the evening of 17 May.

You can watch the programme online at <http://programme.rthk.hk/rthk/tv/programme.php?name=tv/meteorology2014>.



Our programme received enthusiastic response, with members of the public sending us some wonderfully positive messages: "A major production indeed!", "The contents are really inspiring" and "I felt deeply moved" were just some of the comments we heard. They gave the production team immense encouragement and spur us on as we strive for excellence in our weather services. We are indebted to a number of government departments and organisations for the successful production and broadcast of the programme, and our heartfelt gratitude goes to Radio Television Hong Kong, the Geotechnical Engineering Office, the Drainage Services Department, the Water Supplies Department and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.