

New Services

Observatory Adds New Advisory to Help Prevent Heatstroke

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To raise public awareness of the impact that hot weather can have, the Hong Kong Observatory launched a "Hot Weather Special Advisory" this summer on its website and MyObservatory mobile app. Even though the level defined for the Very Hot Weather Warning has not been reached, people can still be exposed to the risk of heatstroke in conditions marked by high temperatures, high humidity and light winds, if they do not take appropriate precautions.

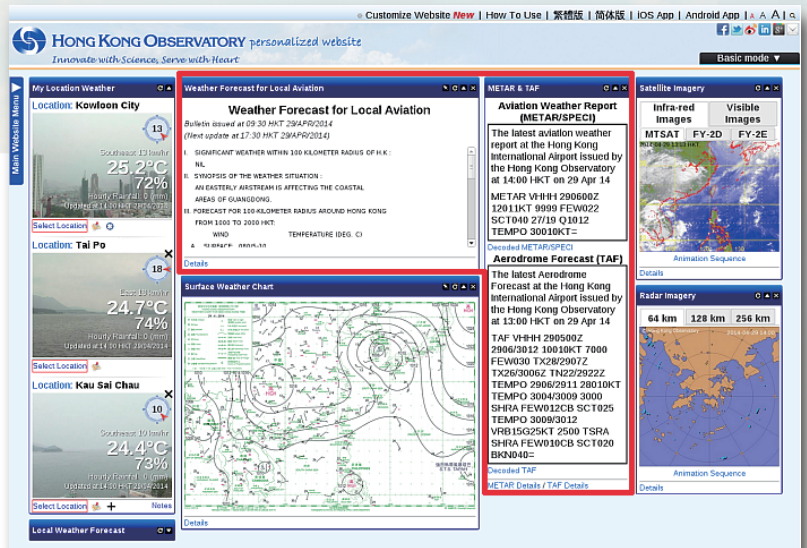
To monitor hot weather conditions, the Observatory has adopted a "Hong Kong Heat Index" on a trial basis that reflects the combined effect of temperature, humidity, wind speed and solar radiation. The Observatory will monitor the atmospheric environment as well as the weather conditions in different places across Hong Kong and also refer to this trial index when issuing the Hot Weather Special Advisory and the Very Hot Weather Warning.



More Personalised Contents on "my.weather.gov.hk"

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The aviation weather category of the Hong Kong Observatory Personalised website has now been enhanced with the addition of a surface weather chart and a new set of widgets including weather reports and forecasts for Hong Kong International Airport and the Weather Forecast for Local Aviation. What's more, the improved My Location Weather widget allows up to five windows to be displayed simultaneously, allowing users to gain a clearer picture of the regional weather situation over the territory.



New Real-Time Weather Photos Taken on Lamma Island

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The Hong Kong Observatory has enhanced its regional weather information service by adding real-time weather photos taken on Lamma Island to its website. A new camera has been set up at Yung Shue Wan Pier overlooking the West Lamma Channel to the east of Lantau Island. Members of the public can access the weather photos on the Observatory's Regional Weather in Hong Kong webpage (www.hko.gov.hk/wxinfo/ts/index_e_webcam.htm) and mobile platform webpage (m.hko.gov.hk/wxreport/wxphoto.htm).



Sea fog (indicated by an arrow) near Hei Ling Chau to the east of Lantau Island captured by the weather camera facing northwest from Yung Shue Wan Pier on Lamma Island in the afternoon of 19 March.