

## HKO Side Lights



On 23 August, Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (third from right), gave a lecture entitled 'Hong Kong Astronomy, Meteorology and Collections' at the China Philatelic Association, introducing a number of invaluable postcards and old photographs featuring stories about the Observatory, Hong Kong history and typhoons. The great interest shown by the audience was reflected in their feedback, with everyone saying that they had learned a great deal from the lecture.



On 31 August, the Hong Kong Observatory Volunteer Team visited the CFSC Wang Tau Hom Day Care Centre for the Elderly to hold an early Mid-Autumn Festival celebration. All had a wonderful time on what proved to be a very enjoyable occasion.



Held in October, the 7th Public Weather Observation Course placed special emphasis on weather hazards, weather proverbs and platforms for sharing weather reports. 135 people took part in the course, a new attendance record for the event.



On 7 June, the Hong Kong Observatory organised a public seminar entitled 'Exploring Severe Convection Weather', which was attended by more than 60 members of the public. Using a large number of images and weather cases, Scientific Officer Mr YEUNG Wai-lung introduced the causes of severe convection weather, the characteristics of the weather along the south China coast during the transition from spring to summer and the formation of severe convection weather phenomena such as hail, squall lines and tornadoes.

On 11 October, 12 members of the Hong Kong Observatory Staff Association took part in the team event of the 22nd Hong Kong Open Nei Jia Chuan Competition organised by the Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association. The team's fantastic performance has won them the merit award.



At the invitation of the Hong Kong Observatory's Community Weather Observing Scheme, Miss Christina Y.M. CHAN shared her insights into cloud viewing and photography on 8 August at an event attended by close to 100 members of the public.

## 全推廣日 PROMOTION DAY



On 19 October, Dr CHENG Chong-ming, Acting Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (fourth from left), attended the Mountaineering Safety Promotion Day organised by the Civil Aid Service and cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.



For details of the activities, please visit:  
<http://www.hko.gov.hk/wisnew.htm>  
<http://www.hko.gov.hk/hkonews/indexe.htm>