

## New HKO Docents

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Historic building docents of the Observatory share their experience at the end of the training course.

The Observatory and the Conservancy Association Centre for Heritage (CACHE) joined hands to organise the "Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) Historic Building Docent Training Course" to help individuals interested in history become HKO docents specialising in its historic buildings. These docents will now be able to give the general public, especially the younger generation, a greater insight into the old Observatory, a declared monument with 130 years of history including the 1883 Building. They will also increase public awareness of heritage conservation.

The Observatory also trained a new group of "Friends of the Observatory" docents to offer members of the public joining the guided tour of the Observatory a fresh perspective of the Observatory and its work.

The feedback from the two activities was fantastic, with the new docents all feeling that the training had broadened their horizons and enhanced their skills, and they were full of praise for the instructors for sharing with them stories that gave them a deeper understanding of the Observatory.



"Friends of the Observatory" docents learn to introduce the ecology of groves at the Observatory.



CACHE



Guided tour of HKO

## Hong Kong Observatory Calendar 2015 "Reporting Weather Together under the Lion Rock"

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The Hong Kong Observatory Calendar 2015 attracted an amazing response from the public when it was published in late November last year, and record-breaking sales meant it was completely sold out by mid-December. We would like to thank the public for their support as well as the contributors for generously sharing their beautiful weather photos with us.

## Reminder from the HKO and the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association:

## Get Ready for Cold Weather

LI Kin-wai



Mr CHAN Sai-tick, Acting Assistant Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (right), and Ms LEUNG Shuk-ye, Chief Executive Officer of the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association, introduce the enhanced "e-See Find" mobile app that now includes weather information.

The Observatory and the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association (SCHSA) held a joint press conference in December 2014 to urge members of the public to make proper preparations for cold weather and to explain the impact of low temperatures on the health of senior citizens and people with chronic diseases. With the assistance of the Observatory, SCHSA has upgraded its existing "e-See Find" app with the addition of real-time weather information provided by the Observatory. Using the app, caregivers can get timely news on approaching changes in the weather and get ready to provide help and support for the senior citizens that they are responsible for.