

Observatory's "Sky Dragon" - First-ever Dragon Boat Team

HKO Staff Association



Team Spirit

Colleagues of the Observatory came together to form the first ever HKO dragon boat team "Sky Dragon" and took part in a race held in Shatin in April. Mr SHUN Chi-ming, the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, led the hidden talents of "Sky Dragon" as their drummer as the team set a new milestone for the Observatory.

Under the guidance of a coach and the lead of experienced team members, colleagues trained hard over the past few months. Working closely together, they encouraged one another as they strived to achieve good results in the race. Members of "Sky Dragon" made remarkable progress after just a few training sessions. Very much impressed by the team's eagerness to learn, Coach SIU said members were not at all intimidated by the intensive training. Gradually they worked to propel the boat in unison – impressive indeed for a team training for their first race.

"Sky Dragon" taking part in their first race with the Director as drummer



"Sky Dragon" paddling furiously towards the finishing line

On the day of the race, it was both tense and warm. As one of the 19 competing teams, "Sky Dragon" were high spirited and team members gave their utmost best in striving to win the race. At the same time, they felt exceptionally encouraged by the unwavering support from fellow team members as well as friends and family. The Director thanked the team and the cheerful squad for their effort, "This race aptly illustrates the importance of team work over individual performance, and the basic principle of management is essentially the same." We surely hope that "Sky Dragon" can keep up their good work and achieve even better results in the future!

Sky Dragon: Are you Ready? Attention! Go!

Group photograph of "Sky Dragon" members, a cheerful squad with their coach on the day of the race.

Cool Met Stuff Promotion Daniel YEUNG

Video Competition

In an effort to nurture the creative talents of young people and promote meteorological knowledge, the Observatory jointly organised the "Cool Met Stuff Promotion Video Competition" with the Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI).

The competition was well received with around 100 students submitting creative and imaginative entries, and an award presentation ceremony was held in the Grand Hall of Tsim Sha Tsui District Kai Fong Welfare Association on 28 March.

The HKDI students revealed that this was the first time they produced videos for an external organisation. Miss Romy NGAN Chun-ying, who won the Best Animation Award and the Best Art Direction Award, said she had watched every episode of Cool Met Stuff while working on her entry and learned a great deal about weather phenomena.

Miss Romy NGAN Chun-ying, winner of Best Animation Award and Best Art Direction Award.

Winning Entries:



Blood Moon Eclipse

MOK Hing-yim



Total lunar eclipse captured by the Observatory's live webcast crew at Cape D'Aguilar – the dark red colour of the moon is caused by sunlight refracted by the Earth's atmosphere onto the umbra illuminating the moon.



Cause of Lunar Eclipse



The Observatory team sets up webcast equipment at Cape D'Aguilar

On the evening of 4 April, the Observatory, the Hong Kong Space Museum, Ho Koon Nature Education cum Astronomical Centre, Po Leung Kuk Ngan Po Ling College and the HKSKH Solar Tower Camp jointly produced a webcast on the total lunar eclipse. Despite the cloudy periods, the webcast crew was able to capture the important stages of the lunar eclipse for online viewers.