

Engaging the Youth

Little Reporters Interview HKO Director



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In the activity "Through the Eyes of Little Reporters", organised by Ming Pao Daily News, pupils from various primary schools experienced what it was like to be a reporter. They came to the Hong Kong Observatory and interviewed Mr SHUN Chi-ming, the Director. The interview, which lasted about an hour, went on smoothly, and everyone had a great time.



The Director also introduced the little reporters to various measuring instruments in the Observatory.

Excerpt of the Interview

Reporter: Who decides the names of typhoons?
SHUN: The names of typhoons are decided by the Typhoon Committee made up of 14 Asia Pacific countries and regions. Sometimes, unusual suggestions are rejected, such as "Portuguese Custard Tart" proposed by Macau. Can you imagine hearing in the news that "Portuguese Custard Tart is approaching Hong Kong" when there is a typhoon? That is too funny.
Reporter: In recent years, temperatures around the world have been on the rise. Can we reduce the Greenhouse Effect simply by conserving energy?
SHUN: Of course it helps. Everyone should play their part. Apart from conserving water and electricity, we should refrain from buying things we do not need so as to reduce waste.



Reflections on the Experience

Yam Ho-ching: Some of the typhoon names the Director mentioned were really funny!

Ho Sze-ching: I have seen the Director on TV before. It is great to finally meet him in person.

Chow Ting-chien: I am very happy I could meet the Director and have my questions answered.

Choi Kwok-sang: I have read many books on weather. This is my first visit to the Observatory, and I am very happy.

Wan Tin-lam: I am very happy the Director answered my question.

Special Educational TV Programme on Climate Change - Global Warming: Clear and Present Danger

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Climate change is an immense challenge faced by people today, and the Hong Kong Observatory has strived to promote public education on climate change throughout the years. In order to enhance public awareness and knowledge on climate change, the Observatory and the Education Bureau joined hands in producing a two part special Educational Television programme entitled "Global Warming: Clear and Present Danger".

International Air Cadet Exchange Programme 2015



Over 45 members of the International Air Cadet Exchange Programme, accompanied by members of the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps, visited the Hong Kong Observatory on 23 July 2015. During the visit, the participants learned about how meteorological observations were analysed and weather forecasts made, as well as attended a lecture on aviation meteorology delivered by Observatory staff.



The programme illustrates basic scientific knowledge about climate change as well as presents the evidences and consequences of the phenomenon, including the potential impacts on Hong Kong against the background of global warming. It can be viewed on the Hong Kong Observatory website.