

## New Secretary-General of WMO Visits the Observatory

Editorial Board

The new Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Professor Petteri Taalas, visited the Hong Kong Observatory on 19 December 2015. Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, introduced to him the Observatory's history and new developments, and exchanged views on the challenges and opportunities for weather services around the world and on the future development of WMO. Apart from the Observatory Headquarters, Professor Taalas also visited the Airport Meteorological Office and Cathay Pacific Airways to find out more about the aviation meteorological services provided by the Observatory.

Professor Petteri Taalas (third from left), new Secretary-General of WMO, is pictured with Mr SHUN Chi-ming (third from right), Director of the Hong Kong Observatory and colleagues.

## HKO Staff Wins Four Civil Servant Awards

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Four devoted staff members of the Observatory won civil service awards for their dedicated efforts and excellent services, including the Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service, the Secretary for Civil Service's Commendation and the Ten Outstanding Drivers Award. The accolades commended them for their outstanding performance and devotion in serving the public over the years.

*I really appreciate the support of my colleagues!*

*I feel pleased and proud to be able to contribute to our effort in ensuring public safety!*

*This award, presented to me before retirement, is the perfect testimony of my whole career.*

*I would like to thank my colleagues for their trust!*

Senior Draughtsman  
Mrs Ng Chan Kam-eh  
**Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service**

Senior Radar Specialist Mechanic  
Mr Ip Wing-sing  
**Secretary for Civil Service's Commendation**

Clerical Officer  
Mr Lam Chi-hou  
**Secretary for Civil Service's Commendation**

Motor Driver  
Leung Wai-yeung  
**10th Ten Outstanding Drivers Award**

## Lunch with the Media

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On 26 November 2015, Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, invited media representatives to a lunch reception at the Observatory. At the event attended by some 30 journalists, the Director pointed out that in recent years Hong Kong's temperatures had registered record-high figures. As a result of global warming and the El Niño phenomenon, many records were broken in 2015 (for details, please refer to the article "2015 – A Year of New Records" on Page 4).