

New Observatory Initiatives



MyObservatory will also be available in versions for wearable devices. An updated version for Apple Watch is expected to be launched in July.

Partnership and Tailored Weather Information Service

This year, the Observatory will use dropsondes – expendable weather reconnaissance devices – deployed from a Government Flying Service aircraft to collect meteorological data on tropical cyclones (see page 2). We are also introducing several new services (see pages 2, 4 and 5), including the "Automatic Regional Weather Forecast" and "Real-Time Weather Photos of Victoria Peak" webpages, and enhance the "Weather Satellite Imagery" webpage service. Plus, the MyObservatory app will be available in versions for wearable devices.

From 7 April, the frequency of the morning weather program has increased from one to two sessions. These sessions – which are in Chinese – provide the latest weather news during the time many people are heading to school or work, and can be seen at around 7am and 8am from Mondays to Saturdays on TV and the Observatory website.



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SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Observatory (middle), and four Assistant Directors introduced the future trends and new services of the Observatory during a press briefing on 15 March.



TV and online weather program schedule

Administrator of the State Oceanic Administration Visits the Observatory

LUI Wing-hong



Mr Wang Hong (third from left) and Mr Shi Qingfeng (second from right) from SOA pictured with Mr Shun Chi-ming (third from right) and other colleagues at the Observatory's Central Forecasting Office.

Mr Wang Hong, Administrator of the State Oceanic Administration (SOA), visited the Observatory on 22 March as part of a Hong Kong SAR Government sponsored visit programme.

Since the signing of the Arrangement on Cooperation on Oceanography in early 2007, SOA and the Observatory have been working closely together on storm surge warnings for the Pearl River Delta Region, and tsunami warning and mitigation systems as well as marine meteorological observations in the South China Sea. The visit will further strengthen the ties between the two organizations through continuing collaborative effort to mitigate against the potential impact caused by maritime hazards along the coastal waters of Guangdong and the South China Sea.



Observatory Open Day

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The Hong Kong Observatory Open Day 2016 was one of the highlights of the "Appreciate Hong Kong" campaign. It took place on 19 and 20 March and attended by over 17,300 people. The theme was identical to World Meteorological Day 2016: "Hotter, Drier, Wetter - Face the Future". During the Open Day, Director of the Observatory SHUN Chi-ming attended an autograph session and enjoyed taking "selfies" with visitors. In addition to the Observatory staff, volunteers from "Friends of the Observatory" offered support and assistance as goodwill ambassadors in warmly greeting and guiding the visitors.



Observatory staff explained the functions of meteorological instruments.