

Milestones

The Observatory is developing a new version of "MyObservatory" app for the iOS platform on Apple Watch. New services include: real-time weather information such as air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed at the current or selected location; maximum and minimum air temperature forecasts for the day; forecasts at 3-hourly intervals of weather, temperature and relative humidity, 9-day weather forecast for Hong Kong and tidal information. The updated version for Apple Watch is expected to be available during the third quarter this year.

An Updated Version of "MyObservatory" App for Apple Watch

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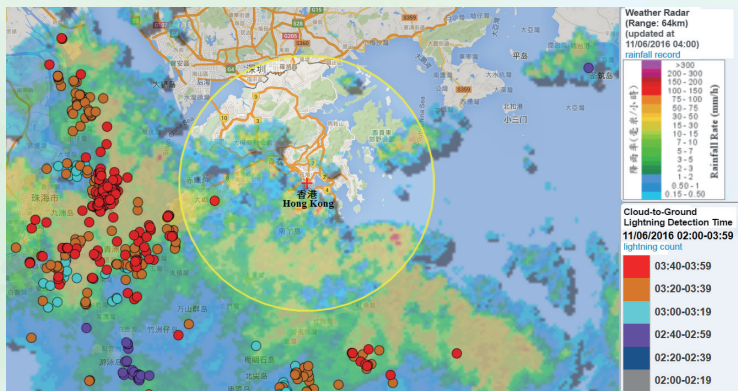
"Location-specific Lightning Alert" Webpage



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The Observatory launched a beta version of the "Location-specific Lightning Alert" webpage for this year's rainy season.

Members of the public can specify a lightning alert region in Hong Kong or in the vicinity of the Pearl River Delta. When a lightning stroke is detected within the specified region, an alarm will alert users. The webpage provides outdoor activity sites, geographical information and simple arithmetic tools, helping users to monitor the development of thunderstorms around their current locations.



Mr TSUI Kit-chi (left), Assistant Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, receiving the trophy during the awards ceremony.

Observatory Awarded "Manpower Developer" Status for the First Time

LAM Ching-chi

In April, the Observatory was awarded the status of "Manpower Developer" by the Employee Retraining Board, in recognition of its continuous efforts of training and development to ensure professional and technical competency. The main assessment areas covered learning culture, resources planning, training and development system and performance management. The Observatory won the award for the first time after going through two stages of assessment.