

Asian Aviation Weather Centre Co-operation Marks New Milestone for Aviation Weather Service

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Mr. SHUN Chi-ming (left, front row), Director of the Hong Kong Observatory; Mr WANG Zhiqing (centre, front row), Deputy Administrator of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC); and Ms JIAO Meiyan (right, front row), Deputy Administrator of the China Meteorological Administration (CMA), signed the agreement in Beijing.

The Hong Kong Observatory, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) signed a co-operation agreement on the establishment of Asian Aviation Weather Centre (AAWC) in Beijing on 28 October 2016.

Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, said at the signing ceremony that with continuing growth of air traffic in Asia, there had been an increasing demand from aviation users for more and better weather services, to enhance flight safety as well as efficiency, and also an international trend towards regionalised, globalised, digitised and automated aviation weather services, providing unprecedented opportunities for enhancing the provision of services.

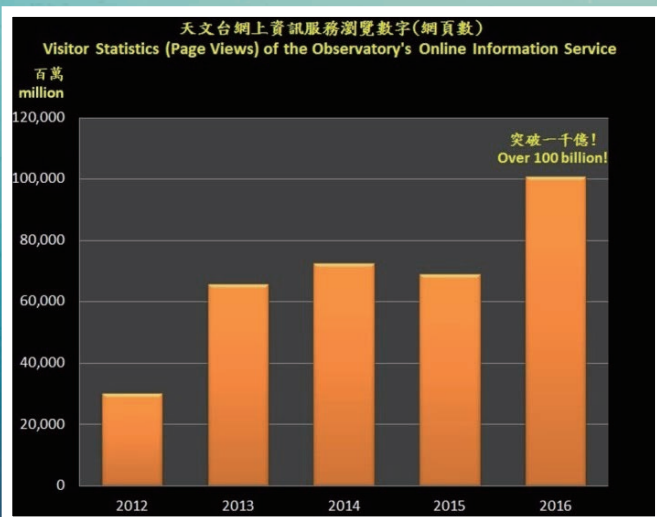
Mr WANG Zhiqing, Deputy Administrator of CAAC, and Ms JIAO Meiyan, Deputy Administrator of the China Meteorological Administration (CMA), were present to sign the cooperation document. They said the establishment of the AAWC was a milestone in international aviation weather services, and would enhance their capability to provide aviation weather services in the region.

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In the past year, MyObservatory launched the "Automatic Regional Weather Forecast in Hong Kong" service, providing location-based weather forecasts in Hong Kong for up to nine days. Also, the iOS platform began supporting Apple Watch. With new services such as "Weather Notes" and "Post of the Day" launched in 2016, users can browse and share messages on social networking websites through MyObservatory.