

Ask Dr Tin



The state of sky is mainly defined according to the proportion of cloud cover, and can be basically divided into "Fine", "Cloudy" and "Overcast". More detailed descriptions can be added by making further reference to the duration of sunshine.

"State of Sky" Jargon Explained



**Fine**

Clouds covering no more than 3/4 of the sky

- Sunny
- Clear
- Mainly fine
- Bright



**Cloudy**

Clouds covering over 3/4 of the sky, but not completely overcast

- Mainly cloudy
- Sunny periods/intervals
- Bright periods/intervals
- Cloudy to overcast



**Overcast**

Sky covered by an extensive and thick cloud layer

HKO Sidelights

Staff Retirement



Mr LEUNG Ka-man (above) and Mr TSE Wai-ming (below) retired on 1 November and 22 December 2016 respectively.

Observatory Staff and "Friends of the Observatory" Commended by the Public

Observatory staff and "Friends of the Observatory" who received words of thanks and commendation from the public or organisations from October to December:

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**Mr YUNG Chung-hoi, Mr WONG Tak-kan and Mr CHAN Wing-hang**  
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**Mr KWONG Wai-lung and Mr WONG Kwok-kit**  
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