

Director's Media Briefing and Observatory Open Day

Editorial Board



Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (centre), together with the four Assistant Directors, introducing the latest developments of the Hong Kong Observatory at the press briefing.

Echoing the theme of the Open Day, a seminar on "Understanding Clouds" and photo exhibition on "Beautiful Clouds" were held at Tsim Sha Tsui District Kai Fong Welfare Association on 25 March.



During the annual media briefing on World Meteorological Day, 23 March, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, elaborated on the weather outlook for Hong Kong this year, and highlighted the Observatory's upcoming initiatives, including the 100th anniversary of numbered typhoon signals, with planned activities that would help to foster public understanding of typhoon-related hazards and enhance disaster prevention awareness.

The Observatory Open Day 2017, echoing this year's World Meteorological Day theme of "Understanding Clouds" to promote public appreciation and understanding of the fascinating and ever-changing clouds, was successfully held on 25 and 26 March with nearly 14,000 visitors attending the event.



The Open Day event was held with support from Observatory staff and volunteers from "Friends of the Observatory".

New International Cloud Atlas, with Contributions from Hong Kong

To promote the theme of the World Meteorological Day "Understanding Clouds", a new web-based version of the International Cloud Atlas (ICA) (www.wmocloudatlas.org), developed by the Hong Kong Observatory on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization, was officially launched on 23 March 2017. The new version of the ICA features enriched content, with the inclusion of more than 600 attractive new photos and short video clips.

In particular, nearly 60 photos taken by members of the public in Hong Kong and the Observatory's staff have been selected for incorporation into the new version of the ICA, including four photos of new cloud types.

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International Cloud Atlas



Since the launch of the new version of ICA, the World Meteorological Organization and the Observatory have received enquiries regarding the website information from meteorological authorities, media and members of the public worldwide – including scientists working in Antarctica. The ICA provides useful information for meteorological education, and has been well received by experts for its comprehensive content.

Four photos of new cloud types submitted by Hong Kong and incorporated into the new version of the International Cloud Atlas.