



HKO Sidelights

ACRE China Workshop

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The second ACRE China workshop was held on 2 March at the Hong Kong Observatory. It was jointly organised by ACRE (the Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth; initiated by the UK Met Office), the National Climate Center of the China Meteorological Administration, China University of Geosciences, and Hong Kong Observatory. There were 29 experts from China, USA, UK, Japan, Portugal and Hong Kong attending the workshop on the reconstruction of early data of land- and sea-based weather observations for regions including China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and Japan, that would facilitate the analysis of historical weather conditions in China and East Asia.



SOA and HKO Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Co-operation in Oceanography

Hui Tai-wai

On 17 February, a six-member State Oceanic Administration (SOA) delegation led by Ms Chan Yue, Deputy Director-General of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of SOA, attended the 4th bilateral meeting for reviewing progress and planning further collaboration with the Observatory. The opportunity was also taken to celebrate the 10th anniversary of co-operation in oceanography between SOA and the Observatory after the signing of a collaboration agreement in early 2007.



Notable achievement has been made in various aspects over the past ten years of cooperation, such as storm surge warnings for the Pearl River Delta region, tsunami warning and mitigation systems, marine meteorological observations over the South China Sea, as well as data transmission and information sharing.

It is expected that ties between the two organisations will be further strengthened through ongoing collaborative efforts to enhance the service levels of forecasts and warnings on maritime hazards, development of observation and monitoring systems over the South China Sea, mutual technical support for voluntary observing ships, and study of long-term sea level rise associated with climate change.

Job Shadow Day

Terence Kung

In February, more than ten Form 5 students from the Job Shadowing Programme organised by the Junior Achievement Hong Kong experienced different aspects of work at the Observatory. They were particularly impressed by the rigorous scientific spirit and dedicated working attitude of Observatory staff, and learned the importance of time management and agile responses in their future work.

