

ICT Award for MyObservatory App

Ben Or

The Hong Kong Observatory won the Certificate of Merit (Consumer Solutions) prize in the Best Mobile Apps Award in the Hong Kong Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Award 2017, for its MyObservatory mobile app.

(From right to left) Chairman of the Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association, Mr Kenny Yiu, presented the award to the Observatory staff: Dr Cheng Cho-ming, Assistant Director, Mr Armstrong Cheng, Senior Scientific Officer, Mr Ben Or, Scientific Officer, and Mr Alex Lau, Analyst/Programmer.

BEST MOBILE APPS AWARD



Ever-changing Sky and Lifelong Fascination with Weather

Mok Hing-yim



A weather photo taken by the author, in Hawaii in 2016, has been incorporated into the new 2017 version of International Cloud Atlas of the World Meteorological Organization (<https://www.wmocloudatlas.org/search-image-gallery.html>).

"Whenever you go outside, you should take a look at the sky." I was given this unforgettable advice by my instructor during my training at the UK Met Office in 1983. I always have a strong awareness of the changeable weather throughout my career of more than 30 years at the Observatory. Besides looking at the sky, the first thing I did when I came to the office was to browse the weather observations and forecast data to predict possible future changes in the weather.

As they said: "Rome was not built in a day." As I kept doing this, I became familiar with the changes in the weather patterns and grew increasingly confident at weather conferences. And now, even though my work is well and truly done, such occupational habits shall stay with me forever, with an eye always open to keep track of the ever-changing weather.



Mr Mok Hing-yim, Senior Scientific Officer, started his pre-retirement leave on 14 April. At a farewell gathering, he shared wine and memories with colleagues.



Mr Tsang Yok-sing, former President of the Legislative Council, visited the Observatory on 16 January, and delivered a talk to Observatory staff on how to communicate with the public and the media.



A delegation from Sha Tin District Council visited the Observatory on 9 February.



A six-member delegation of the Census and Statistics Department, led by Mr Leslie Tang Wai-kong, the Commissioner (centre in the front row), visited the Observatory on 18 January for operational exchange.



For details of the activities, please visit:
<http://www.hko.gov.hk/wisnew.htm>
<http://www.hko.gov.hk/hkonevs/indexe.htm>