



Briefing from the Director

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The Director, Mr Shun (centre), announcing the launch of the Hong Kong Observatory Facebook page and Instagram platform.

The theme of the World Meteorological Day on 23 March this year was "Weather Ready, Climate Smart". The Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr. Shun Chi-ming, introduced the Observatory's application of new technologies to develop new services, including the official launch of the microclimate station at the Observatory Headquarters in Tsim Sha Tsui. Other new services provided by the Observatory include maps indicating the affected regions mentioned in the "Announcement on Localised Heavy Rain" and an enhanced version of the "Met on Map" website.

To further promote science education and strengthen communication with the public, the Observatory officially launched the "香港天文台 HKO" Facebook page and the "hk.observatory" Instagram platform on the same day. Mr Shun encouraged the public to follow and "Like" the Observatory's Facebook page and Instagram account, and actively share relevant information. (See the third and fourth pages of this newsletter for details of the new services.)

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Unveiling Ceremony for Long-term Observing Station Plaque

To commemorate the recognition of HKO headquarters by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as one of the first batch of long-term observing stations in the world, Mr Philip Yung, Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce, Industry and Tourism), officiated at the Long-term Observing Station plaque unveiling ceremony together with Mr Shun Chi-ming, Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, on 24 March.

During the ceremony, Mr Yung commended HKO's efforts. "Recognition by WMO as a long-term observation station takes more than a hundred years of observations, it also reflects the professional excellence of HKO in weather and climate forecast and analysis," Mr Yung said.



The Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce, Industry and Tourism), Mr Yung Wai-hung (left), unveiling the long-term observing station plaque, with the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming.



The Director, Mr Shun, introduced the microclimate station to the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas Yang Wei-hsiung.

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The Secretary for Innovation and Technology Visits the Observatory

The Hong Kong government is actively promoting smart city initiatives. The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas Yang Wei-hsiung, visited the Hong Kong Observatory Headquarters on 26 March to understand how the Observatory uses innovative technology to set up and operate microclimate station to support smart city initiative.

The Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, introduced how the weather data collected by the microclimate stations facilitates analysis of the city's microclimate. The Observatory will allocate resources, and develop smart city weather monitoring and data sharing platform utilising the latest technology.