

# Cloud-sourcing In Touch with Weather from Land, Sea and Air

Editorial Board

The “Cloud-sourcing: In Touch with Weather from Land, Sea and Air” photo and video exhibition, jointly organised by the Observatory and members of the aviation and marine industries, has officially launched and will be on display until 11 November.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, said that during the two-months collection campaign period, it received enthusiastic support and participation from the aviation and marine communities. More than 2,000 weather images and over 100 videos were collected. These featured many rare cloud and atmospheric optical phenomenon, like lenticular cloud (commonly known as flying saucer cloud), glory and iridescent cloud. The Observatory hopes the campaign and exhibition will enhance public awareness and understanding of changes in the weather, thereby bringing people closer to nature.

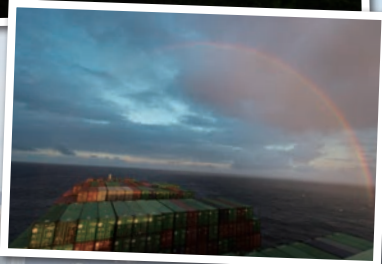
With support from the Airport Authority Hong Kong, shortlisted entries are displayed at Hong Kong International Airport Terminal 1 (near the Arrival Hall, Ground Transportation Centre Downramp South). Members of the public are welcome to take photos of exhibits they find especially impressive. By sharing the photos on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #cloudsourcing2018, they will have an opportunity to receive souvenirs from the Observatory. Details are available at the following website: [http://url.hko.hk/cloudsourcing\\_en](http://url.hko.hk/cloudsourcing_en).



Guests and award-winners in front of the “Cloud-sourcing: In Touch with Weather from Land, Sea and Air” photo and video exhibition.



Lightning in Cumulonimbus  
(Photographer: Eco Fun, Location: Tai Sang Wai, Yuen Long).



Rainbow (Photographer: Rudolf Huang, Location: Pacific Ocean).



Glory Surrounding Shadow of a Plane (Photographer: Tam Cheuk-ming, Location: Above Manchester, Britain).

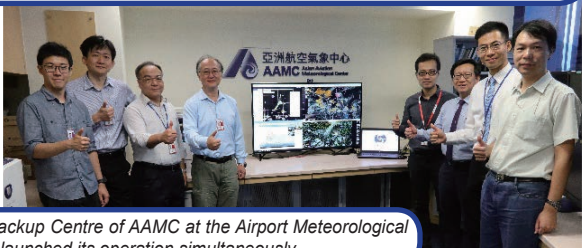
## The Asian Aviation Meteorological Centre

## Commences Operation

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The AAMC commenced operations in Beijing. The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (third right); the Deputy Administrator of the CAAC, Mr Wang Zhiqing (fourth right); the Deputy Administrator of the CMA, Mr Yu Rucong (fourth left); and other guests officiating at the launch ceremony.



The Backup Centre of AAMC at the Airport Meteorological Office launched its operation simultaneously.

The Asian Aviation Meteorological Centre (AAMC) – jointly established by the Hong Kong Observatory, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) – commenced operations on 11 July. The AAMC comprises a main centre operated by the CAAC and a technical support centre operated by CMA, both of which are in Beijing, and a backup centre operated by the Observatory in Hong Kong.

The AAMC seeks to provide a weather monitoring platform for issuing forecasts and alerts on hazardous weather affecting aviation operations, such as thunderstorms, turbulence, icing and more for reference by meteorological organisations of neighbouring countries and regions, allowing forecasters from different areas to coordinate Significant Weather Information (SIGMET), with a view to improving the overall forecast quality, flight safety and efficiency to meet the needs of the aviation users.