



The Observatory launches the "Regional Information on Heavy Rain and Thunderstorm" webpage

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When the Observatory issues the "Announcement on Localised Heavy Rain", "Special Announcement on Flooding in the northern New Territories" or "Thunderstorm Warning", regional information is given according to the circumstances. In September, to enable members of the public to obtain this information in graphical format at a glance, the Observatory launched a new webpage on "Regional Information on Heavy Rain and Thunderstorms" (<http://www.hko.gov.hk/rhr/main.html>). Users can view the affected regions mentioned in these warnings and announcements on an interactive map, as well as the recorded regional rainfall and lightning situation, in order to take appropriate preventive measures.

Yeung Hon-yin

Observatory's First Ever Special Mission at United Nations Headquarters

"Special Mission"

At the invitation of the WMO, Mr Yeung Hon-yin, Senior Scientific Officer of the Observatory, visited the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York, USA, during 23 July – 3 August 2018, to assist in developing WMO's new support services for the UN Operations and Crisis Centre (UNOCC) and the UN Secretary-General's Office. Some of the important work comprised seeking daily foci from UNOCC colleagues and preparing briefings on global weather threat assessments. This special mission was a new challenge to both HKO as a government department, and Yeung Hon-yin personally.

Snapshots of Yeung Hon-yin working at the UNOCC



HKO Enhances Meteorological Co-Operation with ASEAN Countries

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The Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (back row, third right) attended the Second China-ASEAN Meteorological Forum held in Nanning, and is here pictured with other high-level attendees from meteorological and hydrological services.

The Director of the Hong Kong Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, attended the Second China-ASEAN Meteorological Forum held in Nanning, Guangxi, in mid-September 2018. Mr Shun discussed regional meteorological co-operation with high-level representatives from various meteorological and hydrological services. He also presented the launch of the WMO Global Multi-hazard Alert System for Asia (GMAS-A), jointly developed by the HKO and the China Meteorological Administration. During the forum, Mr Shun also signed Memoranda of Cooperation / Understanding with the Acting Director of Vietnam Meteorological and Hydrological Administration and the Director General of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology of Myanmar, in order to strengthen meteorological co-operation on various aspects.