Milestones

Launch of Real-time Weather Information at International Commerce Centre and Clear Water Bay

Stephen Lau Po-wing

The HKO website now includes real-time weather photos captured at the International Commerce Centre (ICC) in West Kowloon

The "Regional Weather in Hong Kong" web page shows temperatures at various locations. The red box marks the location of the newly-added Clear Water Bay Automatic Weather Station, and temperatures measured there

In December 2018, the HKO added real-time weather photos captured at the International Commerce Centre (ICC) and real-time temperatures at Clear Water Bay Automatic Weather Station to its website, to help the public learn about the most up-to-date weather situation at these places, and further enhance regional weather information.

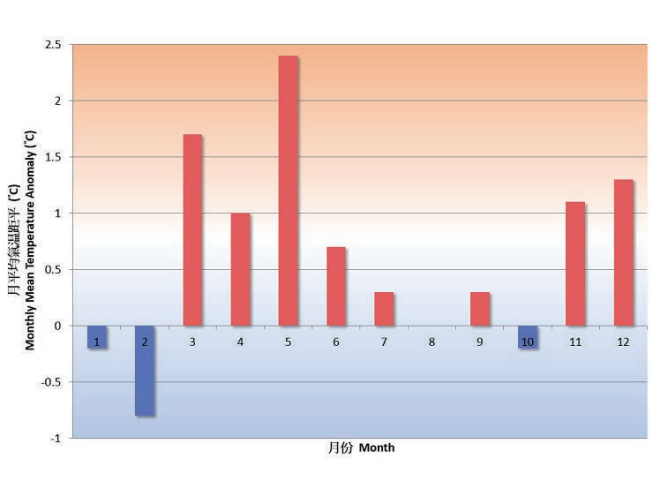
Media Liaison Group Meeting and Media Lunch Gathering

Eunice Lee

The Media Liaison Group met on 19 November 2018. In addition, Director Shun Chi-ming invited media representatives to have lunch together on 29 December. More than 20 journalists attended the lunch, during which the Director informed them regarding the extreme winds and record-breaking storm conditions brought by Super Typhoon Mangkhut in September 2018, and mentioned that with global warming, extreme weather will be more frequent.

The Assistant Director of the Observatory, Dr Cheng Cho-ming (tenth from left), with colleagues and media representatives

The Weather of 2018



Hui Kin-chung

The weather in 2018 was warmer than normal, with an annual mean temperature of 23.9 degrees, making it the third warmest year on record. The monthly mean temperature of 28.3 degrees in May was a record high for May. Also in May, there were 16 very hot days and 6 hot nights ; both totals broke the records for May. The total rainfall from January to May 2018 was 175.0 millimetres, 73 percent below normal, and the second lowest on record for this period. Six tropical cyclones required a tropical cyclone warning signal throughout the year, including Mangkhut, which led to a No. 10 Hurricane Signal being issued on September 16. The extreme winds and record-breaking storm surges resulting from Mangkhut seriously impacted Hong Kong.