



## Briefing from the Director

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The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (left) and the Director of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Dr Leung Siu-fai (right), officiated at the launch ceremony of a new book, *Climate Change and Biodiversity in Hong Kong*.



The Director, Mr. Shun Chi-ming (centre) introduced Hong Kong Observatory's newest developments, with four Assistant Directors.

The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, hosted a press briefing in March this year, in which he highlighted the upcoming initiatives of the Observatory, reviewed the weather of Hong Kong in 2018, and covered the weather outlook for this year. During the briefing, Mr Shun and the Director of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Dr Leung Siu-fai, also officiated at the launch ceremony of a new book entitled *Climate Change and Biodiversity in Hong Kong*.



## Climate Change and Biodiversity in Hong Kong

Sham Fu-cheung

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department published a book entitled *Climate Change and Biodiversity in Hong Kong*, describing climate change and its influence on biodiversity, with exquisite pictures and plain language.

Cover of *Climate Change and Biodiversity in Hong Kong*.

## Talk on Extreme Weather

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Sand painting artist Hoi Chiu took all participants more than 50 years back in time, using exquisite sand art for a "look back to Wanda", indicating how Hong Kong people faced this major storm.

The "Talk on Extreme Weather" held by the Observatory on 23 March, the "World Meteorological Day", attracted around 600 members of the public, including uniformed and underprivileged groups. The activity began with a live performance by sand painting artist Hoi Chiu regarding Typhoon Wanda, following by a talk by the Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming, on the influence of climate change. There was also the first performance of the song, "Climate and Life", jointly produced with local singer Albert Au. Notably, this was the first talk given as a live broadcast through the HKO Facebook page, allowing citizens who did not attend in person to see and hear the talk in real time.



"Climate and Life"



The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (right) announced the song "Climate and Life", which has climate change as the theme, and was performed in public for the first time by local singer Albert Au (left).



The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (fifth from right), with the mistress of ceremonies, Fong Kin-yi (fifth from left); local singer Albert Au (fourth from right); and HKO colleagues, after giving the Extreme Weather Lecture.