

## Oceanographers and Meteorologists gather in Hong Kong

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The Tenth Session of the Ship Observations Team (SOT) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) was held at Hong Kong Observatory at the beginning of April, to coordinate the development, implementation and maintenance of global ship-based observation projects. This was the first time a SOT Session has been held in East Asia, and more than 40 participants from 15 WMO member states and territories attended.



Session participants.

## Closer ties between Hong Kong Observatory and the University of Reading, UK

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The Hong Kong Observatory collaborated for the first time with the "Mathematics of Planet Earth (MPE) Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT)", which is jointly organised by the University of Reading and Imperial College London. This collaboration allowed doctoral students to conduct research at the Observatory, reinforcing the developments of atmospheric and oceanic sciences and young science talents. We also invited Dr Horatio Setiawan Boedihardjo, a lecturer at the University of Reading who grew up in Hong Kong, to talk of his personal growth in a management seminar.



The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (centre), presenting a souvenir to Dr Horatio Setiawan Boedihardjo (second from left).

## First "Global Conversation" activity jointly hosted by the Observatory and the University of Exeter

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The Observatory jointly hosted a forum with the University of Exeter (UoE), the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and others in April, to explore how the smart use of big data can help in studying and forecasting weather and environmental hazards. The forum introduced participants to ways scientists make more accurate assessments of climate change and predictions of extreme weather events through analysing climate data, in order to reduce the risks associated with a range of environmental threats. Over 100 participants, including representatives of government departments, public utilities and private entities, as well as academics, joined the forum.



The Director of the Observatory, Mr Shun Chi-ming (centre) joining the panel discussion at the forum.

## Observatory staff Commended by the Public or Organisations

Observatory staff who received words of thanks and commendation from the public or organisations from January to April 2019:

**Mr Shum Chi-tai (Scientific Officer), Mr Tsoi Tze-shun (Scientific Officer),**

**Mr Chan Ho-sun (Acting Senior Experimental Officer), Mr Chan Wing-hang (Experimental Officer),**

**Ms Yu Mei-fung (Chief Scientific Assistant), Ms Chan Siu-yung (Senior Scientific Assistant),**

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