

Warm Welcome to New Recruits of Hong Kong Voluntary Observing Ships

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Eight new vessels (see table below) joined the fleet of the Hong Kong Voluntary Observing Ships (HKVOS) in 2021, making a total of 86 HKVOS by the end of the year.

Ship Name	Ship Company
OOCL Brussels	Orient Overseas Container Line Limited (OOCL)
Beacon Hill	Fleet Management Limited (FML)
Peace Hill	
Phoenix Hill	
TS Kobe	
TS Shanghai	
TS Shenzhen	
TS Yokohama	

VOS ships play a vital role in providing marine weather observations which are very useful for weather analysis and formulation of marine weather forecasts and warnings especially in tropical cyclone situations. Ship officers on board make regular weather reports and send them to meteorological centres which will then be analysed by weather forecasters together with other weather observations.

Our warm welcome to all of the above new recruits of HKVOS, and our sincere thanks to OOCL and FML for their great support to the HKVOS Scheme!



Figure 1. One of the newly recruited HKVOS “OOCL Brussels”