

**ANNUAL REPORT
2012 - 2013**

I. Office bearers for the session 2012 - 2013

The following members served on the committee for the session 2012 – 2013:

Chairman	Mr SHUN Chi-ming, Hong Kong Observatory
Vice Chairman	Dr LI Ping-wah, Hong Kong Observatory
Hon Secretary	Ms Terence KUNG, Hong Kong Observatory
Hon Treasurer	Dr David LAM Hok-yin, Hong Kong Observatory
Committee Members	Mr William CHENG Community Weather Information Network (Co-WIN) Mr Clarence FONG Chi-kong, Weather Underground Dr LAM Ka-se Polytechnic University of Hong Kong Dr Alexis LAU Kai-hon, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Dr NG Cho-nam, University of Hong Kong Professor Edward NG Yan-yung Chinese University of Hong Kong Dr. Tam Chi Yung, Francis City University of Hong Kong

The Society also benefited from the service of:

Honorary Auditor Ms Eunice Lee

Honorary Legal Advisor Ms Venus CHOY

II. Membership

As of 22 December 2013, the membership register included 6 Honorary Members, 103 Fellows, 39 Full Members, 40 Student Members and 11 Corresponding Members, making a total of 195 members.

III. Review of the year

Activities

The Society organized the Fifth Conference on East Asia and Western Pacific Meteorology and Climate, in collaboration with the Chinese-American Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Observatory, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the World Green Organization, to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. The Conference was held on 2-4 November 2013 at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the Hong Kong Observatory. The theme this year was on "Climate Change, Extreme Weather and IPCC AR5". More than 100 scientists, including overseas meteorological societies' representatives, participated and over 50 talks and posters were presented. Six renowned meteorologists were presented Honorary Memberships (Rick Anthes, Chang CP, Ding YH, Lam CY, Sham Pat, Tsay CY) while two were presented with Certificate of Recognition (Peng GY and Karyn Sawyer) for their significant contributions to the establishment of the Society and the organization of the 1st Conference of the same series in 1989. The 1st Conference successfully established the Society's role in serving as the bridge for exchanges between meteorologists from both sides of the Strait and across the Pacific Ocean. It was also the 1st Chinese-English bilingual meteorology conference that had ever been held in the world. In the following decade, the Conference was held for three more occasions. Prof Chang CP helped to publish a supplement to this 5th Conference pamphlet a Memoir about the successful organization of these conferences. Meanwhile, meteorological societies from nearby countries/regions and local NGO, including China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, India, Hong Kong, participated on the last day of the Conference to discuss about "The Role of Meteorological Societies in Society". Besides introducing about their respective Societies' activities, representatives from the Societies also actively exchanged views on how to promote meteorological science in their countries/regions and generally agreed on the importance of the Societies as a "link" for connecting official meteorological authorities with the general public in effectively promoting awareness and preparedness in facing natural disasters. In brief, the Conference was well received by the participants. Details can be found on the Society's website <http://www.meteorology.org.hk>.

As part of the 25th Anniversary, the Society jointly organized with the Hong Kong Observatory and the Hong Kong Science Museum the "Hong Kong Meteorological Society 25th Anniversary Distinguished Meteorologists" Lecture series on 2 November 2013 at Science Museum in parallel with the Conference. Details are as follows:

Title	Speaker
Climate Change–Now and Then	Prof. Ding Yihui Chinese Meteorological Society
Extreme Weather under Climate Change – Taiwan Experience	Professor Jou Jong-Dao National Taiwan University
Climate Change – Reflections on Sustainable Development	Mr. Lam Chiu-Ying Ex-Chair of the Hong Kong Meteorological Society

The Lectures were well received with more than 170 public attended.

The ‘天氣吉祥物’ Mascot design competition jointly organized by the Society, HKO and Hong Kong Society of Education in Art (HKSEA, 香港美術教育協會) was completed and the awards presentation ceremony was held on the HKO Open Day on 23 Mar 2013 in conjunction with the HKO 130th Anniversary Kick-off Ceremony, in the presence of the President of WMO and senior officials from the China Meteorological Administration and HKSAR Government.

The Society organized a sketching (free hand drawing) activity at the HKO Headquarters on 12 August 2013 in collaboration with HKO and HKSEA. Around 20 teachers and students from HKSEA participated in the activity.

Prof Togo Tsukahara of Kobe University of Science was invited to deliver a lecture titled: "Historical Weather Records over East Asia" on 10 July 2013 at the HKO Headquarters. The lecture was co-organized by HKO and HKMetSoc. With the help of Prof Togo, a month of weather records (May 1944) made by the Japanese military in Hong Kong were found from the Defence Library in Japan and provided to HKO.

The Society co-organized with the University of Hong Kong and HKO the “Lightning Detector Design Competition” and the award presentation ceremony was held at the University of Hong Kong on 25 May 2013. A total of 380 Primary 4 to Secondary 6 students from 43 primary and secondary schools took part in the junior and senior categories to compete for the Most Creative Lightning Detector Award, the Most Attractive Lightning Detector Award and the Best Presentation Award.

The Society co-organized with the Chinese-American Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) under “Initiative Gaia” of the CUHK Jockey Club to hold the 6th International Conference on Atmosphere, Ocean and Climate Change. The Conference was held 19-21 August 2013 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Mr Leung Wing-mo entertained an interview by TVB 都市閒情 as a spokesperson of the Society to speak to the public on Super Typhoon Haiyan and Climate Change. It was the first time the Society was invited to speak on the media on meteorological issues related to the society.

Society Bulletin

Vol. 20 (2010) and Vol. 21 (2011) have been published. The EC maintains the long-term goal to improve the status of the Bulletin to become a Science Citation Indexed publication.

Website

The Society's website <http://www.meteorology.org.hk> has been well maintained and operating with up-to-date information. The domain subscription was renewed by the end of 2012 for another 3 years.

Zhu Kezhen Prize

Invitation letters will be sent to tertiary institutions in Hong Kong to invite nominations of undergraduate/post-graduate research papers on meteorology for the next round (2013/14) of prize.

IV. Looking Ahead

In the coming year, we will continue conducting the painting competition and public lectures to promote climate change, extreme weather awareness and preparedness; extending collaboration with local and overseas meteorology and climate related societies and institutes, including organizing overseas visits (e.g. attending the 90th anniversary of the China Meteorological Society activities in September 2014); publication of the Proceedings of the 5th Conference on East Asia and Western Pacific Meteorology and Climate cum 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Meteorological Society; making use of the funds donated by our ex-Chairman, Mr CY Lam and ex-HKO Director Dr BY Lee (who has recently pledged to donate \$80,000 for purposes deemed appropriate by the Society); further promoting the Society by, e.g. preparing a leaflet, providing spokespersons for media interviews, etc and exploring the possibility of registering as a charitable organization.

V. Acknowledgements

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Committee Members for their contributions throughout the past year. I have to specially thank the Conference Organization Committee and the Conference Science Committee of the 5th Conference on East Asia and Western Pacific Meteorology and Climate, in particular Miss Sharon Lau who worked closely with Prof CP Chang, for their efforts in organizing this conference, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the World Green Organization for their financial support for this Conference.

CM Shun
Chairman

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