

**ANNUAL REPORT
2014 - 2015**

I. Office bearers for the session 2014 - 2015

The following members served on the committee for the session 2014 – 2015:

Chairman	Mr SHUN Chi-ming Hong Kong Observatory
Vice Chairman	Dr LI Ping-wah Hong Kong Observatory
Hon Secretary	Mr Terence KUNG Hong Kong Observatory
Hon Treasurer	Dr David LAM Hok-yin Hong Kong Observatory
Committee Members	Mr William CHENG Community Weather Information Network Mr Clarence FONG Chi-kong Weather Underground of Hong Kong Dr LAM Ka-se Hong Kong Polytechnic University Dr Alexis LAU Kai-hon Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Dr Lau Ngar Cheung, Gabriel Chinese University of Hong Kong Mr Leung Wing Mo Hong Kong Polytechnic University Dr NG Cho-nam University of Hong Kong Dr Edward NG Yan-yung Chinese University of Hong Kong Dr Wen Zhou 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 30 November 2015, the membership register included 6 Honorary Members, 109 Fellows, 43 Full Members, 47 Student Members and 10 Corresponding Members, making a total of 215 members.

III. Review of the year

Activities

Our Society organized a trip to Taiwan in May 2015. We visited the Central Weather Bureau, National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Department of Atmospheric Sciences, National Taiwan University (國立台灣大學大氣科學系) and Taiwan meteorological society, Climate Research Center, Academia Sinica (中央研究院) and WeatherRisk (民間氣象公司「天氣風險管理開發」). The visit was considered very fruitful and successful.

A “Popular Science Talk Series For Teens” was organized in collaboration with the Central Library. Details are as follows:

Date	Title	Speaker
24 October 2015	The 6 th Mass Extinction	Mr. LEUNG Wing Mo Former Assistant Director of the Hong Kong Observatory
7 November 2015	Why weather forecasts always miss the mark?	Mr. HON Kai Kwong Hong Kong Observatory

The lecture series were well received with a total of 244 participants.

A popular meteorological science lecture series with the theme “Food, Water Resource and Climate” was organized in collaboration with the Hong Kong Science Museum. The lectures took place on 7 November 2015 in Science Museum and the details are as follows:

Title	Speaker
The Climate Apathy	Mr. LEUNG Wing Mo Former Assistant Director of Hong Kong Observatory
Water Resources under Climate Change	Prof. CHEN Yong Qin Chinese University of Hong Kong

Food Crisis under Climate Change	Prof. TAI Pui Kuen, Amos Chinese University of Hong Kong
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The lecture series were well received with a total of 537 participants.

The Society has co-organized with CoWIN Ho Koon Natural Education cum Astronomical Centre, and Hong Kong Observatory on the “Weather Observation Competition 2015”. More than 200 teachers and students participated. The awards presentation ceremony was held on 9 May 2015. The Society will continue to support the next round of Competition to be held in 2016. Mr LEUNG Wing-mo presided over a technical seminar on "Climate Apocalypse" during the ceremony and discussed with teachers and students about various issues related to climate change.

The Society has co-organized with the University of Hong Kong and HKO the “Sea Level Measurement Device Design Competition”. The competition was the first of its kind in Hong Kong with a primary objective to enhance the interest and knowledge of the younger generations in meteorological instrumentation and the application of information technology. Over 200 primary 4 to secondary 6 students from 25 primary, secondary and international schools designed and produced sea level measurement devices to compete for various prizes. The awards presentation ceremony was held on 3 May 2015.

Society Bulletin and Proceedings

Vol. 22 (2012) has been published. Proceedings on the 5th Conference on East Asia and Western Pacific Meteorology and Climate cum the 25th Anniversary of the Society held in 2013 is under preparation. The EC maintains the long-term goal to improve the status of the Bulletin to become a Science Citation Indexed publication.

Website and Facebook

The Society’s website <http://www.meteorology.org.hk> has been well maintained and operating with up-to-date information. Photos of former Chairs and more photos of the Society’s past activities have been made ready to be posted on the website. The number of Friends of the Facebook page “Hong Kong Meteorological Society 香港氣象學會 - weather & climate” has increased to 290.

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 (2015/16) of prize. It is suggested that the candidates would be invited to participate in a presentation session for adjudication by the Prize Award Panel.

Setting up of Heywood Young Scientists Award

Thank you very much for the generosity of the family of Mr GSP Heywood, the first Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (1946-1956) after the Second World War in conjunction of Dr BY Lee, the Society’s Fellow and ex-Director of HKO, a “Heywood Young Scientists Award”

is to be setup to recognize young scientists who have conducted outstanding meteorological research and project in Hong Kong which shall be awarded annually by the Society.

IV. Looking Ahead

In the coming year, we will continue to: (a) organize competitions (including new varieties of competitions), public lectures and other public engagement activities to promote climate change, extreme weather awareness and preparedness; (b) extend collaboration with local and overseas meteorology and climate related societies and institutes (including International Forum of Meteorological Society, Met Societies in Mainland and Taiwan, and other regional Met Societies); (c) expedite the 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; (d) further promoting the Society's activities by increasing collaboration and synergy with existing and new partners (e.g. Co-WIN, MoCC, Friends of the Observatory, Youth Hong Kong etc), recruiting more student members, further developing the Facebook page, etc. More efforts will particularly be made to engage the youth community.

We will make good use of the Heywood Young Scientists Award to promote meteorology and related subjects' research and educational activities in Hong Kong. We will continue to keep in view of other potential sponsors and donors with common interests to support the Society's activities.

We will pursue cooperation opportunities with the newly established Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong.

V. Acknowledgements

The Society wishes to express its sincere thanks to Heywood's family and Dr BY Lee for his generous donation of Heywood Fund to the Society.

CM Shun
Chairman

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