

Hong Kong Observatory Almanac 2021 to go on sale

The Hong Kong Observatory Almanac 2021 will go on sale tomorrow (December 3).

The Almanac is bilingual and tabulated by month. It contains information including the traditional Chinese calendar, solar terms and moon phases, as well as the times of daily sunrise, sun transit, sunset, moonrise, moon transit, moonset and high and low tides, with the times of meridian passage and the rising and setting of the sun and planets graphically illustrated. The Almanac also includes a detailed Sun Path Diagram and star maps of the four quarters of the year. In addition, information on the duration of twilight, determination of apparent solar time, details of solar and lunar eclipses and observation of meteor showers and planetary phenomena as well as background information on calendars and the 24 solar terms are included.

To enhance public's interest in astronomy and natural science, a new chapter named "Popular Science Corner" will be added to this issue. Two articles titled "Super Moon" and "Parade of the Five Planets" will be featured to introduce the two special astronomical phenomena to members of the public.

At \$50 a copy, the Hong Kong Observatory Almanac 2021 is available for sale at the online Government Bookstore at www.gov.hk/en/apps/isdbookstore.htm. The public can also purchase the Almanac at the Hong Kong Observatory Resource Centre, the Publications Sales Unit of the Information Services Department and the Kowloon Map Publications Centre of the Lands Department (subject to the opening arrangements of relevant sales outlets in view of the epidemic situation).