

# Observatory launches new set of Announcements in the Public Interest on thunderstorms (with photo)

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) launched a new set of TV and radio Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) on thunderstorms today (September 8) to enhance the public's understanding of thunderstorms and their awareness of disaster prevention.

In the newly launched TV API, the HKO mascot, Dr Tin, plays the main character in the animation to remind the public to be cautious of squally thunderstorms, which can develop quickly. One moment it is sunny, the next it is thundery. It will be even more dangerous if it comes with squalls. When engaging in outdoor activities, the public should pay attention to weather forecasts, thunderstorm warnings, announcements at the beach, and check the latest weather forecast on the "MyObservatory" mobile application. If a thunderstorm is developing in the vicinity, stop the outdoor activities and take safe shelter at once.

The public can view the new TV API on the following website:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=skxt40ySFlk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skxt40ySFlk)

