

## **Existing and planned measures on the promotion of equality for ethnic minorities**

### **Meteorological Services**

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) aims to provide high quality meteorological services to meet the needs of the general public, as well as other special users including the shipping and aviation sectors. HKO attaches great importance to ensuring equal access to our services by all members of the public, irrespective of their ethnic background.

Services Concerned

- HKO is responsible for (a) providing weather forecasts and issuing warnings on hazardous weather; (b) providing information on environmental radiation levels in Hong Kong; and (c) maintaining the Hong Kong time standard and providing, geophysical, oceanographic, astronomical and climatological information.

Existing Measures

- Information about HKO weather warning and services is available on HKO's website in the two official languages of Hong Kong (i.e. Chinese and English). In addition, informative and educational leaflets/booklets are also published in both official languages for distribution to the general public.

- HKO has translated two leaflets about weather warnings ("*Hong Kong's Tropical Cyclone Warning Signals*" and "*Rainstorm Warning System*") into EM languages including Hindi, Nepali, Urdu, Thai, Indonesia and Tagalog. The information will be uploaded to HKO's website.

Assessment of Future Work

- HKO will review our services from time to time, with a view to meeting the needs of the ethnic minority.

Additional Measures Taken/To Be Taken

- HKO will provide more weather warning leaflets/booklets in EM languages in coming years.

- HKO will organise educational activities for ethnic minorities as needed, such as visits to HKO.

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