HKSAR Government welcomes promulgation of Meteorological Development Plan for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (2020-2035) by China Meteorological Administration

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has welcomed the promulgation of the Meteorological Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (2020-2035) (Meteorological Plan) by the China Meteorological Administration (CMA).

A spokesman for the HKSAR Government said today (April 29), "Over the years, the meteorological authorities of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have been maintaining close collaboration and exchanging experience on many different fronts, and have established a communication and liaison mechanism for high-impact meteorological events. The promulgation of the Meteorological Plan would help further strengthen meteorological co-operation among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, involving areas such as meteorological data sharing, meteorological scientific research and innovation, and training of meteorological personnel. Such co-operation would in turn help enhance the meteorological services in the three places.

"The relevant co-operation initiatives will benefit the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) in its development of fine-scale meteorological monitoring, warning and forecasting services, and will further enhance Hong Kong's capability in forecasting extreme weather events. The HKO will take forward the initiatives concerned in collaboration with the relevant authorities in Guangdong and Macao."

The full text of the Meteorological Plan is available at the CMA's website. Members of the public are also welcome to visit the HKSAR Government's Greater Bay Area website (www.bayarea.gov.hk) and the HKO's website (www.hko.gov.hk) for access to the relevant link to the document.

To tie in with the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), the meteorological authorities of the three places jointly launched the GBA Weather Website in April 2019. Developed and operated by the HKO, the website serves as a one-stop platform which provides weather information covering more than 60 regions within the 11 cities in the GBA. The website also offers weather forecasts of up to seven days with a view to providing convenient, reliable and quality weather services for persons commuting between different cities in the GBA. Aside from the above initiative, the first GBA Climate Bulletin jointly compiled by the meteorological authorities of the three places was released in July 2019 to give a summary of the climate situation of the GBA and its major weather and climate events in 2018.