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One of KMA's slogans is "Meteorology is a life-saving technology like medicine". Protecting people and saving lives from unpredictable "celestial disease", extreme weather, is what the KMA is aiming for. Recognizing the importance of timely delivering weather information to the people who need, we are providing customized services through new media such as SNS and smartphone along with conventional media, TV and radio. We are also conducting research to develop new technologies to protect people and realize shared prosperity while strengthening cooperation with other NMHSs in various sectors. In this regard, KMA plans to expand its close cooperation with the developing countries.

African meteorological leaders visit Korea to strengthen cooperation (1-3 November 2011, Seoul, Korea)

Heads of the African National Meteorological Services (Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, DR Congo and Zimbabwe) and a climatologist from IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) visited Korea to attend a Symposium on Coping with Climate Change held by KMA in Seoul on 1-3 November with the aim of establishing green partnership and strengthening capacity in dealing with climate change.

A total of 100 climate change experts, home and abroad, participated in the Symposium and discussed Korea-Africa cooperation projects and climate change policies while sharing their ideas through the post session presentations on 5 subjects - weather/climate, agriculture, meteorological industry, IT and health care.

In particular, at the "Korea-Africa High-Level Meeting on Cooperation in Meteorology", participants reaffirmed the importance of Korea-Africa/ICPAC cooperation projects, and had a substantial discussion on expanding the utilization of climate data and capacity building programs. Based on the meeting results, both sides will make concrete action plans to support African countries to better respond to climate change.



The 9th WG Meeting on Earthquake Cooperation between KMA and CEA (2 November 2011, Buyeo, Korea)

KMA and CEA (China Earthquake Administration) held the 9th Working Group Meeting on Earthquake Cooperation in Buyeo, Korea on 2 November with the purpose of sharing seismic technologies and strengthening cooperation to mitigate earthquake damage. Participants exchanged seismic data and information and agreed to promote cooperation to reduce seismic damage and develop new technologies.



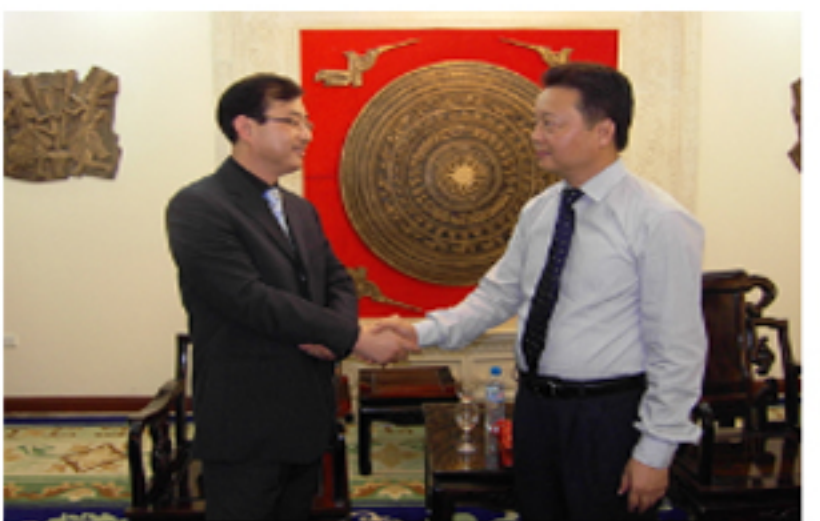
Develop Cooperative Activities with NMHSs of Central Asia (15-17 November 2011, Tashkent, Uzbekistan)

KMA took part in the 5th Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum on 15-17 November in Uzbekistan and had a meeting with NMHSs of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. At the meeting, participants discussed future cooperative activities and agreed to make concrete action plans including expanding data exchange, signing an MoU at the 6th Forum to be held in Korea next year.



Closer cooperation with MONRE for the modernization of the meteorological sector in Vietnam (15-18 November 2011, Hanoi, Vietnam)

The KMA delegation visited the Vietnamese Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) to discuss future cooperation for modernizing meteorological services of Vietnam on 15-18 November. After the visit, KMA provided "10 Priorities for Modernization" to MONRE regarding DRR activities and organizational restructure. The First Vice Minister of MONRE expressed his hope for active project implementation and strong bilateral relationship. The delegation also visited local offices and offered suggestions on improving observation, communications, forecasting accuracy, etc. and learned local status and conditions.



Experts Workshop for Development of On-board Sensor for GEO_KOMPSAT 2 (7-8 November 2011, Cheongju, Korea)

The KMA held an workshop in Cheongju, Korea, on 7-8 November to discuss the space weather sensor for the GEO_KOMPSAT 2 (a follow on mission of the current COMS) scheduled to launch in 2017. Invited experts in satellite and on-board sensor from NOAA/SWPC, NASA/GSFC, UCLA, KIST (Korea Institute of Science and Technology) and KARI (Korea Aerospace Research Institute) explored ways to develop optimal sensors within given resources and gave the overall direction for the development of an space weather sensor such as the coronagraph, high energy particle counter, etc.



Transfer radar technology to NMHS of Vietnam (17-21 October 2011, Hanoi, Vietnam)

Three KMA radar experts visited the National Hydro-Meteorological Service of Vietnam (NMHS) to transfer KMA's radar technology. The experts had training sessions where about 20 meteorologists and forecasters of local weather centers and observatories attended. During the session, KMA experts introduced KMA's radar policies and operation, radar-based precipitation estimation and prediction, public services, etc. Also, during the visit, KMA experts held a Technical Cooperation Meeting on Weather Radar on 17 October. The participants discussed how to modernize the NHMS of Vietnam.



KMA's 2nd Training Workshop on Mesoscale Numerical Weather Prediction (16-29 October 2011, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia)

KMA and MMD (Malaysian Meteorological Department) jointly held the 2nd Training Workshop on Mesoscale Numerical Weather Prediction for NWP experts from ASEAN members in Malaysia on 16-19 October after the 1st Workshop in Seoul 2010. At the Workshop, which is part of "ASEAN Mesoscale NWP Training Project, KMA shared its NWP operating skills such as modeling and data assimilation by dispatching lecturers.

