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**DISCONTINUATION OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE ANNUAL REVIEW
(TCAR)**

(Item 9 of Provisional Agenda - Publications)

Submitted by TCS

Summary and Purpose of Document:

This document summarizes the steps taken by TCS to implement the decision of the Committee at its 43rd Session requesting the AWG, *in consultation with TCS, study the possibility the discontinuation of the TCAR.*

Action Proposed

The Committee is invited to:

Discuss the discontinuation of the TCAR

1. Background Information

Typhoon Committee Annual Review (TCAR)

- a) The first publication of Typhoon Committee Annual Review (TCAR) was referred to 1985. It was produced by WMO and printed in Hong Kong, following decision of TC at its 17th Session, held in Manila in December 1984.
- b) The TCAR was printed in Hong Kong since 1985 up to 1994 and the chief editor was provided by Hong Kong Royal Observatory since 1985 to 1994;
- c) In 1995, the Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) took over the task of the publication of TCAR, following decision of TC at its 28th Session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 5-11 December 1995.
- d) Since 1995 to 2001 the TCAR was printed in the Philippines and the Chief Editor provided by TCS (Philippines).
- e) The TCAR started to be published in electronic format (CD-ROM) from 2002 onwards, still with the Chief Editor provided by TCS (Philippines).
- f) Since 2007 the TCAR has been published in Macao, China and the Chief Editor provided by the TCS.
- g) The TCAR currently is composed of Foreword (by the TC Chairperson), Introduction (by the Chief Editor), Chapter 1 (overview of the activities of the Typhoon Committee in the precedent year), Chapter 2 (summary of the tropical cyclones with tropical storm intensity or higher, in precedent year); Chapter 3 (contributed papers presented at the precedent TC Session); Chapter 4 (WMO TC News); usually a Chapter 5 is included (Research Fellowship Technical Report).

2. Consultation with AWG members

In June the TCS requested the AWG their opinion on these matters. The answers can be summarized as follows:

The TCAR role is diminishing due to:

- a) The summary of the tropical cyclones with tropical storm intensity or higher is shown in the Annual Report on the Activities of the RSMC Tokyo - Typhoon Center
- b) TC is going to start the publication of the "Tropical Cyclone Research and Review".
- c) The remaining material such as news and info and publicity can be covered by the Newsletter.
- d) Papers presented at the TC Sessions are posted at the TC website.

3. Consultation with the Members

In June 30 the Circular Letter with the reference TCS/204-2011 was sent to the Directors and Focal Points of the three components inviting them to express their comments and suggestions on the discontinuation of the TCAR and on the change of the frequency of publication of the Newsletter. Four responses were received, all agreeing with the discontinuation TCAR.

4. The Committee is invited to discuss and decide on the discontinuation of the TCAR.

ANNEX

	TCAR		NEWSLETTER	
AWG				
EDWIN (TRCG Chair)	Discontinuation		No comments on publishing frequency	Fri 2011-06-17 03:10 PM
Masashi Kunitsugu	Discontinuation		Once per year (just before the Sessions)	Message 2011-06-21 05:06 PM
MEMBERS				
Malaysia	Discontinuation		Twice per year	Letter from MMD 5 July 2011
Singapore	Discontinuation		Once per year	Message 2011-07-03 08:11 PM
HONK KONG, CHINA	Discontinuation		Once per year	Message 2011-07-12 07:21 PM
Thailand	Discontinuation		Once per year	Message July 19, 2011 12:10 PM

NOTE:

TCAR 6 replies (discontinuation of TCAR)

Newsletter: 5 replies (4 once per year; 1 twice per year)