**APPENDIX XIX**

**TRAINING & RESEARCH COORDINATION GROUP (TRCG)**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

T C Lee (TRCG Chair)

Hong Kong, China

**1. Introduction**

* 1. According to the Terms of Reference, TRCG is to promote research and training activities on various aspects of tropical cyclone analysis and forecasting, including assessment of tropical cyclones’ impacts on Members’ socio-economic development processes, and to encourage cooperation of efforts among Members. Towards this end, TRCG is expected to assist in:

(a) identifying scientific and technical problems in the analysis and forecasting of tropical cyclones and their impacts on water resources and measures for disaster prevention and preparedness;

(b) facilitating the exchange of experience and knowledge on the latest development and techniques related to the above problems;

(c) coordinating training and research programmes, including activities in support of cross-cutting initiatives and other collaboration programmes among Members such as twinning and mentoring arrangement, aimed at improving the technical capacity and capability of Members to better serve the people in the region;

(d) evaluating the effectiveness of training and research activities undertaken by TRCG, and providing support to other working groups in performing such evaluation; and

(e) recommending to the Committee priority areas and long-term plans for cooperation in research and training in support of the targets and various KRAs of the Committee’s Strategic Plan.

**2. Membership**

2.1 The composition and members list of TRCG (as at 31 December 2017) are:

Chair: Dr. T C LEE (Hong Kong, China)

Vice Chair: Mr. Roger Edson (USA)

Members: Mr. So Im Monichoth (Cambodia)

Mr. QIAN Chuanhai (China)

Mr. Kang Bom Jin (DPR Korea)

Mr. Chiashi Muroi (Japan)

Dr. Mayphou Mahachaleun (Lao PDR)

Mr. IAN Vai Kei, Brian (Macao, China)

Mr. Muhammad Helmi Abdullah (Malaysia)

Dr. Bonifacio G. Pajuelas (Philippines)

Dr. Namyoung Kang (Republic of Korea)

Ms Patricia Ee (Singapore)

Ms. Patchara Petvirojchai (Thailand)

Mr. Dinh Thai Hung (Viet Nam)

**3. Major TRCG Activities in 2017**

***Roving Seminar / Visiting Lecturers Programme***

3.1 As a technical conference will be held in conjunction with the 50th Session of the Typhoon Committee in February 2018, there is no scheduled roving seminar in 2017.

***Technical Conference of Typhoon Committee***

3.2 To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Typhoon Committee in 2018, Typhoon Committee decided in its 49th Session that a Technical Conference (TECO) will be held in conjunction with the 50th Session of the Typhoon Committee (TC50) in Viet Nam in 2018. The overarching theme of the TECO will be “Embracing new technologies and knowledge to meet the challenges in the new era of tropical cyclone forecasting”. Nine Keynote Speakers from China, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States and Viet Nam have been invited for the TECO. Nominations for Technical Presentations from Members have also been received. Further details of the theme and sub-themes and the list of Keynote Speakers as well as the draft programme of the 2-day TC50 TECO are included in Annex I.

***Forecasters’ Training Attachment***

3.4 The RSMC-Tokyo Attachment Training in 2017 was held at JMA Headquarters from 11 to 21 December 2017. In addition to the three forecasters from Thailand, Viet Nam and Hong Kong, China of the Typhoon Committee, as part of the project of SSOP-II, JMA also accepted three forecasters from Bangladesh, Maldives and Myanmar in the Panel on Tropical Cyclone. The contents of the training included:

(i) The satellite analysis and viewer program (SATAID)

(ii) Tropical cyclone analysis (Dvorak technique)

(iii) Interpretation of microwave imagery

(iv) Tropical cyclone forecasting

(v) Storm surge forecasting

(vi) Public Weather Service

Especially, lectures and exercises on public weather service included setting of warning criteria using quantitative precipitation estimation and forecasting techniques and evaluation of forecast skills to enhance capacity in developing and implementing effective warning system in collaboration with disaster risk reduction partners.

3.5 To promote the Typhoon Committee’s regional cooperation and enhance members’ typhoon monitoring and early warning capability, the China Meteorological Administration staged in 2017 International Training Course on Typhoon Monitoring and Forecast. This 10-day training course was held during 18-27 September 2017. Three forecasters from Viet Nam, Thailand and the Philippines participated in the training course. The course is designed to help trainees to learn how to utilize meteorological satellite information in tropical cyclone and marine weather analysis. The course also introduced the latest forecasting techniques in QPF, severe convective weather, as well as marine weather like gale wind, sea waves and storm surge. A practical session on Dvorak technique was also arranged.

***Research Fellowship Scheme***

3.6 The Research Fellowships are awarded to Members to promote joint research through the exchange of visiting scientists on a short-term basis with voluntary funding and logistic support by host Members. One of the merits of the scheme is that the visiting fellow has a chance to work closely with experienced scientists at the host centre, providing an opportunity to transfer knowledge and latest research findings to operational applications. The scheme has worked well on the basis of bilateral cooperation mutually agreed between the host and the applicant.

3.7 In 2017, fellowships were offered by China, Hong Kong, China and Republic of Korea. Information of the latest projects under the scheme, as well as a summary of previous fellowships awarded, can be found in Annex II. Publications and papers published in connection with the scheme are listed in Annex III.

1. KMA Fellowships

The National Typhoon Center (NTC) of KMA provided a training and research program to four participants: one from the Philippines, and two from the Thailand for two weeks (From 16 to 29 April, 2017), and one from the Viet Nam for 12 days (From 16 to 27 April, 2017). The program consists of theoretical lectures on typhoon track and intensity forecast, numerical weather prediction, and typhoon re-analysis methods. Moreover, the trainees were given opportunities for hands-on practice in generating typhoon information and analyzing typhoon cases, with Typhoon Analysis and Prediction System (TAPS). They also visited the National Meteorological Center (NMC) and the National Meteorological Satellite Center (NMSC) for weather forecast and the acquisition of how to interpret satellite images.

1. STI Fellowships

The Shanghai Typhoon Institute offered the following four fellowships in 2017:

(i) Two forecasters from Thailand and Viet Nam participated in the fellowship on “Observational Study on Intensity and Structure of Offshore Typhoon for EXOTICCA” which was conducted from 1 to 30 September 2017 in Shanghai Typhoon Institute (STI). The research project aims to identify the intensity, wind structure and heavy precipitation of offshore typhoons and the role of boundary layer structure in the rapid intensification of typhoons.

(ii) The fellowship on “Benefit evaluation of Typhoon disaster prevention and preparedness” was offered to a forecaster from Malaysia (4-17 September 2017). The objective of the fellowship is introducing the techniques for evaluating benefits of tropical cyclone disaster prevention and preparation to the Members.

(iii) The fellowship for the Visiting Editor for Tropical Cyclone Research and Review offered by STI will be conducted in February 2018. Two experts, Mr. Somkuan Tonjan from TMD and Dr. Doan Quang Tri from the National Hydro-Meteorological Service of Viet Nam will be invited to as visiting editors.

(iv) There was no nomination from Members for the fellowship on “Tropical Cyclone Precipitation Verification”.

1. HKO Fellowships

HKO offered the fellowship on a topic entitled “Short-term Rainfall Forecast for Tropical Cyclone Using Himawari-8 Data and NWP Model Products”. Due to unforeseeable issues, the applicant who was accepted for the HKO Fellowship withdrew from the offer.

***WMO International Training Course on Tropical Cyclone***

3.8 The WMO International Training Course on Tropical Cyclone 2017 organized by the WMO Regional Training Centre Nanjing and sponsored by CMA was held in Nanjing, China between 13 and 24 November 2017. Through theoretical study and practices, the course is designed to assist participants to master the basic theory and principles of tropical cyclone. The training course will include lectures on a wide range of topics including tropical cyclone formation, intensity change, and motion, advancements of tropical cyclone monitoring and forecasting, storm surge associated with tropical cyclones, and climate change and tropical cyclone activities.

***Development of tropical cyclone forecaster competency***

3.9 In response to a request from the WMO Executive Council, RSMC Tokyo is collaborating with RSMC Honolulu in developing a draft version of tropical cyclone forecaster competency framework. The Tropical Cyclone Forecaster Competency Task Team met in Honolulu, Hawaii, on 14-16 March 2017 to discuss how to use the competency framework and to produce the final draft, which will be finalized by incorporating Members’ feedback. The competency framework includes requirements for dedicated and specialized TC forecasters at TC forecast agencies (Category 1) and those for general forecasters providing TC forecast services based on information provided by the parent RSMC or other agencies (Category 2). This framework is considered part of WMO’s Competency Standards, which are a key element of a broader ambition to implement the WMO Quality Management System (QMS), and will be used as guidance in Typhoon Committee Attachment Training at RSMC Tokyo and other training activities.

**Other training activities**

3.10 Training Workshop for Typhoon Committee Community Weather Station Project (iCoWIN) 2017 was successfully held in Hong Kong on 1-3 November 2017. The main theme of the training will be on “Setting up of community weather stations for raising public awareness on climate change and extreme weather”. The training aims to enhance Members’ capacities in setting up community weather stations for raising public awareness on weather and climate change and promote the use of new communication technology to facilitate sharing of weather information among community. Two participants from Lao PDR and Guam, US attended the training workshop.

3.11 The SSOP-II workshop on mechanism of establishing and preparing SSOP for coastal multi-hazards EWS for DRR experts and warning experts of beneficiary countries was conducted in WMO RTC Nanjing from 24 to 26 October 2017.

**4. Resource Support for Research and Training**

4.1 Resource persons or contact points on specialized research subjects provided by some Members are tabulated for reference in Annex IV.

4.2 The Pacific International Training Desk (PITD), funded by the USA National Weather Service as part of the US contribution to the WMO Voluntary Cooperation Program (VCP), and is now managed by the Telecommunications and Social Informatics (TASI) Research Program at the University of Hawaii. The PITD provides one‐on‐one basic weather forecast training with an emphasis on the tropics. The training program is focused on operational forecasting to enable its participants to prepare and disseminate locally‐produced meteorological, hydrologic and climate products for their home countries. There are four components to the training: 1) eLearning Prerequisite Course, a15-hour course implemented through the use of e-learning modules; 2) On-Site Training Program, a 4-week long, instructor-led on-site training programme carried out at the US Weather Forecast Offices in Honolulu and Guam (this is the first year that training was conducted on Guam); 3) Communications Training, a training on the use of communication systems; and 4) Advanced In-Island workshops on severe weather event topics. Priority is given to Regional Association V (RA V) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). However, subject to space availability, Typhoon Committee Members may also apply.

**5. Prioritization of Training and Research Areas**

5.1 Based on the discussion during the 3rd TRCG Meeting held in conjunction with the 12th Integrated Workshop (IWS) in Jeju on 31 October – 1 November 2017. The priority and need for training and research activities have been reviewed and updated as follows:

***(A) Meteorology***

*Monitoring*

1. application of Dvorak and microwave satellite image analysis techniques;
2. application of radar-based analysis/products for landfalling tropical cyclones and monsoon depressions;
3. application of new observation technologies (such as aircraft reconnaissance, weather buoys, automatic weather network and mobile observations) in tropical cyclone monitoring and forecasting;

*Forecasting and warning*

1. development of tropical cyclone structure and intensity forecasting techniques such as rapid intensification and wind structure;
2. application of ensembles of guidance from global and regional dynamical models, ensemble prediction systems, conceptual models, statistical models and systematic knowledge-based approach;
3. use of high resolution numerical models with advanced data assimilation techniques;
4. rainfall forecasting: development of nowcasting and very short range forecasting techniques, and understanding of interaction between tropical cyclones and monsoon;
5. development of probability forecasting and extended outlook; ;
6. development of impact-based forecast and risk-based warnings;
7. better understanding of wave, storm surge and marine forecasting;

***(B) Meteorology and Hydrology***

1. application of meteorological and hydrological information for forecasting of river flooding and urban flash flood;
2. geological hazards associated with heavy rain and tropical cyclones such as flash flood, mudslides and landslides;

***(C) Meteorology and DRR***

1. development of technical procedures to quantify forecast uncertainties and to convert probabilistic information into effective warnings;
2. development of decision-making tools for DRR purpose, including the integration of forecast information with GIS and the use of automated information processing systems;
3. making use of new communication technology;
4. community response and outreach effort for mitigation of the societal impact caused by disasters.

***(D) Other Cross Cutting Topics***

1. better understanding of tropical cyclone related issues and impacts across different spatial and time scales, from mesoscale and synoptic analysis arising from El Nino/La Nina and global warming/climate change;
2. forecasting and warning systems for better coastal protection from multi-hazards such as storm surge, high winds, heavy rain, river delta inundation and urban flooding;
3. effective communication of warning messages to stakeholders, DRR users and communities at risk; and
4. utilization of big data, social media, crowdsourcing and artificial intelligence in tropical cyclone and weather monitoring, impact assessment, DRR and public education.

**6. Future Directions and Strategies**

6.1 2017 concluded the 4-year plan for the 4-year period of 2014 -2017. Review of the TRCG AOP 2017 can be found in Annex V.

6.2 The 3rd TRCG Meeting was successfully held on 31 October and 1 November 2017 during 12th Integrated Workshop (IWS) in Jeju, Republic of Korea. The meeting notes of the TRCG Meeting is in Annex VI. New plans for TRCG in the next 4-year period from 2018 to 2021 has been formulated in the TRCG meeting. The provisional TRCG work plan for 2018 – 2021 and Annual Operating Plan of 2018 are in Annex VII and VIII respectively.

6.3 TRCG will continue to support plans to have more cross-cutting training and research initiatives in consultation with the meteorology, hydrology and DRR components. Members are in turn encouraged to promote such initiatives through proactive involvement of the appropriate meteorological, hydrological and DRR personnel in their countries. As suggested by some Members in the 3rd TRCG Meeting, the possibility of involving hydrologists and DRR experts in RSMC Attachment Training, CMA Training Programme, and TC Research Fellowship Schemes could be explored by corresponding Members in the future. Moreover, training and research opportunities will also be explored in collaboration with WGM, WGH, WGDRR and WMO Training Centre in Nanjing as well as various interested Members as appropriate.

6.4 The new arrangement in RSMC Forecasters’ Training Attachment operated smoothly in 2016 and 2017. After review and discussion in the 3rd TRCG Meeting, RSMC Tokyo will continue to offer this training attachment in 2018-2021 and the current content and nomination procedures will generally be maintained in the next four years. The budget of USD 2500 for supporting each participant from TC member is considered appropriate based on the latest assessment. In the future, RSMC-Tokyo will consider incorporating the forecast competency aspects in arranging the future contents of the training. Moreover, RSMC Tokyo will consider accepting self-funded nominations from TC Members.

6.5 CMA will continue to support the forecaster training programme in 2018-2021. CMA will also explore the possibility of incorporating a short period of attachment to CMA's forecasting center in the future training courses.

6.6 Mr Roger Edson of USA has indicated to leave the TRCG and step down from the Vice Chair position. Nomination for Dr Kang Nam-young of Republic of Korea to serve as the new Vice Chair was received during the 3rd TRCG Meeting and supported by the meeting participants.

***Annex I***

**Typhoon Committee Technical Conference (TC50 TECO) on**

**"Embracing new technologies and knowledge to meet the challenges in the new era of tropical cyclone forecasting"**

**In conjunction with the 50th Session of the Typhoon Committee**

**26-27 February 2018**

**Ha Noi, Viet Nam**

**Background**

Established in 1968, the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee and its Members have been working together to enhance forecast and warning capability and coordinate the planning and implementation of disaster risk reduction measures to minimize the loss of life and material damage caused by tropical cyclones and related severe weather in the region. Over this half-century, benefiting from various technological advancements and the concerted efforts of the Typhoon Committee Members, there were significant improvements in tropical cyclone prediction and related warning services in the Typhoon Committee region.

Stepping into the 21st century, the commencement of new remote sensing missions, tremendous increase in observational data, introduction of more complex computers models and upsurge of Big Data and social media analytics will bring about both opportunities and challenges for meteorological services to further enhance their services towards impact-based forecasting and risk-based warning with a view to meeting the emerging needs of various sectors in the society. Moreover, against the background of climate change, the plausible increase in tropical cyclone intensity and related extreme precipitation and the increasing risk of severe storm surge and coastal flood due to sea level rise will be of great concern for all the Members, in particular from the impact assessment, planning and disaster risk reduction (DRR) perspectives.

In this TECO, speakers from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, international operational and research institutes and academia will be invited to share their knowledge/research findings and discuss issues related to the three topics under the main theme on “Embracing new technologies and knowledge to meet the challenges in the new era of tropical cyclone forecasting”. Moreover, the TECO will serve as a platform to foster cross-cutting research and collaboration between the operational and research communities.

**Topics**

(i) **Moving towards impact-based forecasts and risk-based warnings**

**-** Riding on the upsurge of social media and Big Data analytics in recent years, this session will identify and discuss the opportunities and challenges in the development of risk-based warning products and impact-based forecast services in support of disaster risk reduction effort through stakeholder engagement.

(ii) **Embracing new technologies and research findings**

**-** This session will review and discuss research findings and outcomes for advancing monitoring and forecasting techniques related to tropical cyclone and hydro-meteorological aspects, including satellite analysis, extended range predictions, NWP and ensemble prediction systems, etc., as well as new technologies in observational networks, data integration and processing (including Big Data) and the communication of forecasts and warnings.

(iii) **Facing the challenges arising from climate change and rising sea level**

- To prepare for the impacts of climate change and sea level rise in the Typhoon Committee region, this session will review and discuss :

(a) the plausible influence of climate change on tropical cyclone activities and extreme hydro-meteorological events;

(b) the enhancement of forecasting and warning services related to extreme hydro-meteorological events (e.g. heavy rain, flooding, landslide, drought, salinity intrusion, storm surge, etc.) in the context of climate change; and

(c) climate change vulnerability assessment and natural disaster management.

**List of Keynote Speakers for TECO**

**Moving towards impact-based forecasts and risk-based warnings**

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| **Speaker** | **Institute, Member** | **Presentation Title** |
| Prof. Tran Thuc | Viet Nam Panel on Climate Change,  Viet Nam | Managing Disaster Risk and Climate Extremes in Viet Nam to advance Climate Change Adaptation |
| Dr WEI Li | China Meteorological Administration, China. | Impact-based Forecast and Risk Warning Induced by Typhoon Gale and Torrential Rainfall |
| Mr Y F Tong | Hong Kong Observatory, Hong Kong, China | Planning of WMO Global Multi-hazard Alert System in relation to Tropical Cyclones |

**Embracing new technologies and research findings**

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| **Speaker** | **Institute, Member** | **Presentation Title** |
| Mr. Yoshiaki Takeuchi | Japan Meteorological Agency, Japan | Advanced Technology Developed in Tropical Cyclone Observation, Analysis and Forecast |
| Dr. Avichal Mehra | NOAA National Weather Service, USA | Advancing the State of the Art in Tropical Cyclone Modeling at NOAA's National Weather Service National Center for Environmental Prediction (NWS/NCEP) |
| Dr TANG Jie | Shanghai Typhoon Institute, China | Horizontal Transition of Turbulent Cascade in the Near-surface Layer of Tropical Cyclones |

**Facing the challenges arising from climate change and rising sea level**

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| **Speaker** | **Institute, Member** | **Presentation Title** |
| Dr Nam-young KANG | National Typhoon Center,  Korea Meteorological Administration, Republic of Korea. | A review of the environmental connection to 2015 typhoon intensity |
| Prof. Kazuhisa Tsuboki | Nagoya University, Institute for Space-Earth, Environmental Research, Japan | High-resolution simulations and aircraft observations of typhoons for future typhoon disaster prevention |
| Prof. Mai Trong Nhuan | Vietnam National University Key Lab of Geo-environment and Climate change response, Vietnam. | Climate change vulnerability assessment and natural disaster management in the tropical area for sustainable development: case study of Vietnam |

**Draft Programme for TECO (26-27 February 2018)**

**Venue : Daewoo Hotel, Hanoi, Viet Nam**

* The TECO will be conducted in English.
* Keynote presentations (plenary) - each presentation is 30 min, including 3-5 min Q&As.
* Technical presentations (parallel sessions) - each presentation is 15 min, including 2-3 min Q&As.

**Day 1 (26 February 2018)**

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| **Time** | **Event** |
| 08:00-08:30 | Registration |
| 08:30-09:15 | Opening Ceremony   * Welcome remarks * Opening address * Group Photo |
|  | **Session 1**  **Moving towards impact-based forecasts and risk-based warnings**  ***Chair by Mr Yoshiaki Takeuchi*** |
| 09:15-09:45 | Keynote presentation #1  Managing Disaster Risk and Climate Extremes in Viet Nam to advance Climate Change Adaptation  *by Prof. Tran Thuc, Viet Nam Panel on Climate Change, Viet Nam* |
| 09:45-10:15 | Keynote presentation #2  Impact-based Forecast and Risk Warning Induced by Typhoon Gale and Torrential Rainfall  *by Dr WEI Li, China Meteorological Administration, China* |
| 10:15-10:45 | Keynote presentation #3  Planning of WMO Global Multi-hazard Alert System in relation to Tropical Cyclones  *by Mr Y F Tong, Hong Kong Observatory, Hong Kong, China* |
| ***10:45-11:00*** | ***Tea break*** |
| 11:00-12:40 | Parallel Sessions  Technical Presentations 1A-1 to 1A-5 (*Chair by Dr Wei Li*)  Technical Presentations 1B-1 to 1B-5 (*Chair by Mr Y F Tong*) |
| ***12:40-14:00*** | ***Lunch*** |
|  | **Session 2**  **Embracing new technologies and research findings**  ***Chair by Dr KANG Nam-young*** |
| 14:00-14:30 | Keynote presentation #4  Advanced Technology Developed in Tropical Cyclone Observation, Analysis and Forecast  *by Mr. Yoshiaki Takeuchi, Japan Meteorological Agency, Japan* |
| 14:30-15:00 | Keynote presentation #5  Advancing the State of the Art in Tropical Cyclone Modeling at NOAA's National Weather Service National Center for Environmental Prediction (NWS/NCEP)  *by Dr. Avichal Mehra, NOAA National Weather Service, USA* |
| 15:00-15 :30 | Keynote presentation #6  Horizontal Transition of Turbulent Cascade in the Near-surface Layer of Tropical Cyclones  *by Dr TANG Jie, Shanghai Typhoon Institute, China* |
| 15:30-15:45 | ***Tea break*** |
| 15:45-18:00 | Parallel Sessions  Technical Presentations 2A-1 to 2A-6 *(Chair by Dr. Avichal Mehra)*  Technical Presentations 2B-1 to 2B-6 *(Chair by Dr TANG Jie)* |

**Day 2 (27 February 2018)**

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|  | **Session 3**  **Facing the challenges arising from climate change and rising sea level**  ***Chair by Prof Tran Thuc*** |
| 08:30-09:00 | Keynote presentation #7  A review of the environmental connection to 2015 typhoon intensity  *by Dr Nam-young KANG, National Typhoon Center, Republic of Korea* |
| 09:00-09:30 | Keynote presentation #8  High-resolution simulations and aircraft observations of typhoons for future typhoon disaster prevention  *by Prof. Kazuhisa Tsuboki, Nagoya University, Japan* |
| 09:30-10:00 | Keynote presentation #9  Climate change vulnerability assessment and natural disaster management in the tropical area for sustainable development: case study of Vietnam  *by Prof. Mai Trong Nhuan, Vietnam National University Key Lab of Geo-environment and Climate change response, Viet Nam* |
| ***10:00-10:15*** | ***Tea break*** |
| 10:15-12:30 | Parallel Sessions  Technical Presentations 3A-1 to 3A-6 *(Chair by Prof. Kazuhisa Tsuboki)*  Technical Presentations 3B-1 to 3B-6 *(Chair by Prof. Mai Trong Nhuan)* |
| ***12:30-14:00*** | ***Lunch*** |
| 14:00-15:30 | Parallel Sessions  Break out group discussions  Group 1 – “Impact-based forecasts and risk-based warnings”  *(Moderate by Mr YF Tong)*  Group 2 – “Embracing new technologies and research findings”  *(Moderate by Dr. Avichal Mehra)*  Group 3 – “Challenges arising from climate change”  *(Moderate by Dr Nam-young KANG)* |
| ***15:30-16:00*** | ***Tea break*** |
| 16:00-17:00 | Panel discussion - 9 Keynote Speakers *(Moderate by Mr Raymond Tanabe)* |
| 17:00-17:30 | Closing remark by Viet Nam NHMS |

***Annex II***

**Summary of Awarded Research Fellowships**

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| **Subject** | **Fellow** | **Host** | **Period** |
| Analysis of evolution of landfalling tropical cyclones with a view to developing forecast guidance for wind and rain | Mr. XUE, Jianjun  (China) | Hong Kong Observatory | 1 Feb – 31 Mar. 2001 |
| TC track forecasting with use of super-ensemble | Dr. PENG, Taoyong  (China) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 15 Jun – 15 Nov 2001 |
| Near real-time analysis of the wind structure of tropical cyclones | Dr. Nathaniel T. SERVANDO  (Philippines) | Hong Kong Observatory | 5 May – 4 Jul 2002 |
| Numerical modelling on typhoon intensity change | Miss YU, Hui  (China) | Kongju National University and Korea Meteorological Administration | 15 Jul –15 Sep 2002 |
| Tropical cyclone track forecasting method | Dr. KANG, Bom Jin  Dr. KIM, Tae Jin  (DPR Korea) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | Feb – Mar 2001  Oct – Nov 2002 |
| Analyses on the responses of extratropical transition of tropical cyclone to its environment | Dr. Vicente B. MALANO (Philippines) | Korea Meteorological Administration | Jun – Aug 2004 |
| Effect of tropical cyclone bogussing on model analysis and forecasts | Ms. WANG, Dongliang  (China) | Hong Kong Observatory | 11 Oct – 10 Dec 2004 |
| Evaluation of the model performance in typhoon prediction in the high-resolution global model (T426L40) | Ms. Sugunyanee YAVINCHAN  (Thailand) | Kongju National University and Korea Meteorological Administration | 1 Aug – 30 Oct 2005 |
| Impact study of Moisture Data on TC forecasting in South China Sea and Western North Pacific | Dr. Vicente B. MALANO (Philippines) | Hong Kong Observatory | 20 Sep – 19 Nov 2005 |
| Using ensemble prediction system (EPS) information in tropical cyclone forecasting | Ms. CHEN, Peiyan  (China) | Hong Kong Observatory | 13 Oct – 12 Dec 2006 |
| Numerical simulation of Typhoon RUSA with a very high resolution mesoscale model, and calibration of intensity of typhoon with Kalman filtering | Mr. HOA, Vo Van  (Viet Nam) | Korea Meteorological Administration | Jun – Aug 2006 |
| Use of EPS information in TC forecasting | Mr. NGUYEN, Dang Quang  (Viet Nam) | Hong Kong Observatory | 15 Sep – 14 Nov 2007 |
| Seasonality of Tropical Cyclone Activities over the Western North Pacific | Ms. YING, Ming | Korea Meteorological Administration | 22 Sep – 20 Dec 2008 |
| Study of high resolution non-hydrostatic model in prediction of landfalling tropical cyclones | Mr. Santi SUMDIN  (Thailand) | Hong Kong Observatory | 20 Oct – 19 Dec 2008 |
| Tropical cyclone bogus in NHM and its impact on forecast track and intensity | Mr. QU, Anxiang  (China) | Hong Kong Observatory | 29 Oct – 28 Dec 2009 |
| Typhoon Vortex Initialization Scheme and typhoon Ensemble Forecast Techniques | Ms. NGUYEN Thi Minh Phuong  (Viet Nam) and Mr. Chatchai CHAIYASAEN (Thailand) | National Meteorological Center,  China Meteorological Administration | Early Dec 2009 – Early Feb 2010 |
| Improvement of typhoon analysis and forecast with KMA's TAPS | Mr. TRAN Quang Nang  (Viet Nam) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 1 Sep – 27 Nov 2010 |
| Study on the tropical cyclone genesis in the northwestern Pacific | Mr. Kamol Promasakha Na SAKOLNAKHON (Thailand) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 1 Sep – 27 Nov 2010 |
| Typhoon Information Processing System | Mr. NGUYEN Manh Linh (Viet Nam) and Ms. Kamolrat SARINGKARNPHASIT (Thailand) | National Meteorological Center,  China Meteorological Administration | 8 Oct – 8 Dec 2010 |
| Can the extreme rainfall associated with Typhoon Morakot (0908) happen in Hong Kong? | Mr. HUANG, Yiwu (China) | Hong Kong Observatory | 29 Oct – 28 Dec 2010 |
| Improvement of typhoon analysis and forecast with KMA's TAPS | Mr. Jori J. LOIZ  (Philippines) | Korea Meteorological Administration | Sep – Nov 2011 |
| Improvement of typhoon analysis and forecast with KMA's TAPS | Mr. Chukiat THAIJARATSATIAN  (Thailand) | Korea Meteorological Administration | Sep 2011 |
| Implementation of Tropical Cyclone Intensity Forecast in the Tropical Cyclone Information Processing System (TIPS) of the Hong Kong Observatory | Mr. Nursalleh K. CHANG (Malaysia) | Hong Kong Observatory | 24 Oct – 23 Dec 2011 |
| Improvement of Prediction Method for the Rapid Intensification of Tropical Cyclones in the South China Sea | Dr. Sukrit KIRTSAENG (Thailand) | National Meteorological Center,  China Meteorological Administration | 2 Nov – 29 Dec 2011 |
| Application of Numerical Ensemble Prediction in the Forecasting of Typhoon Sharp Turning Tracks | Mr. Raymond C. ORDINARIO (Philippines) | National Meteorological Center,  China Meteorological Administration | 14Nov 2011 –  13 Jan 2012 |
| Typhoon Analysis and Prediction System (TAPS), genesis and dissipation of tropical cyclones, and change of typhoon characteristics due to climate change | Mr. Renito B. PACIENTE (Philippines), Ms. Plaidao KHUMCHAIYAPHUM  (Thailand) and Mr. Bounteum SYSOUPHANTHAVONG (Lao PDR) | Korea Meteorological Administration | May – June 2012 |
| Enhancement of rainfall nowcast in tropical cyclone situation | Mr. Maqrun Fadzli Mohd Fahmi (Malaysia) and Mr. Michael S. Bala (Philippines) | Hong Kong Observatory | 22 Oct – 21 Dec 2012 |
| Optimizing typhoon forecast  using Typhoon Analysis and Prediction System (TAPS), and research on intensity and track forecasts using model ensemble, correction of track forecast bias according to synoptic patterns, and analysis of synoptic features and typhoon model forecast errors in anomalous typhoon tracks. | Dr. Bonifacio Galt Pajulelas (Philippine) ,  Mr. Nguyen Huu Thanh (Vietnam),  and Ms. Prapaporn Wongsaming  (Thailand) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 1 May – 30 June 2013 |
| Development of location-specific severe weather nowcasting techniques. | Dr. Sukrit KIRTSAENG (Thailand) | Hong Kong Observatory | 21 Oct – 20 Dec 2013 |
| Optimizing typhoon forecast  using Typhoon Analysis and Prediction System (TAPS) and separate researches (typhoon-mid latitude pressure system interaction, study on the typhoon recurvature and moving speed, and study on the relationship between the central pressure and maximum sustained winds for typhoon) | Ms. Bai Lina (China)  Mr. Nguyen Tung Thanh (Vietnam)  Mr. Juanito S. Galang (The Philippines) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 1 May – 30 June 2014 |
| Tropical Cyclone Genesis Forecast Technique | Mr. Boonthum Tanglumlead (Thailand) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | 1 Jul – 31 Aug 2014 |
| The utilization of ECMWF products in detecting storm tracks over the North Western Pacific | Mr Pak Sang Il and Mr Song Yong Chol (DPR Korea) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | 1-30 Sept 2014 |
| Nationwide Nowcast of Tropical Cyclone Rainfall | Mr Evan James K. Carlos (The Philippines) | Hong Kong Observatory | 6 Oct – 5 Dec 2014 |
| Optimizing typhoon forecast  using Typhoon Analysis and Prediction System (TAPS), and research on typhoon monitoring, interpretation of satellite-based and radar images, typhoon track and intensity forecast and tropical depression or extra-tropical transition | Ms. Akhom THAMALANGSY (Lao PDR)  Mr. Aldczar D. Aurelio (The Philippines),  Mr. Jose Frivaldo, JR. (The Philippines),  Mr. Somprat Srithagon (Thailand), and Ms. DO Thi Thanh Thuy (Viet Nam) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 19 April - 2 May 2015 |
| Tropical cyclone genesis forecast technique | Mr. Pak Sang Il (DPR Korea)  Mr. Ri Hak Il (DPR Korea) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | 26 Oct - 25 Nov 2015 |
| Visiting editor for Tropical Cyclone Research and Review (TCRR) | Dr Jason Sippel (USA)  Dr Nguyen Dang Quang (Viet Nam) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | 6-13 Dec 2015  20-26 Dec 2015 |
| Development of objective guidance on tropical cyclone genesis forecast using global models | Mr Wen FENG (China) | Hong Kong Observatory | Mid Nov 2015 – mid Jan 2016 |
| Training for typhoon forecast  - Typhoon genesis and analysis  - Typhoon track and intensity forecast  - TAPS\* operations and products | Benison Jay N. Estareja(The Philippines)  Boonthum Tanglumlead(Thailand)  Narongpon Thongsang(Thailand) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 1 May to 14 May 2016 |
| Tropical cyclone genesis forecast technique | Mr. Pak Sang Il and Mr. Kim Kum Song (DPR Korea) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | 24 October to 23 November 2016 |
| Visiting editor for Tropical Cyclone  Research and Review (TCRR) | Mr. Kamol Promasakha na Sakolnakhon (Thailand)  Dr. Chen Yi-Leng (USA) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | 17-21 October 2016 |
| Tropical Cyclone Size Climatology | Mr Wei HONG (China) | Hong Kong Observatory | mid-Dec 2016 – 31 Jan 2017 |
| Training for typhoon forecast  - Typhoon genesis and analysis  - Typhoon track and intensity forecast  - TAPS\* operations and products | Ms. Pensiri Trisataya and Ms. Chuanpit Ngernchalad (Thailand)  Mr. Robert B. Badrina (The Philippines)  Ms. Hoang Thi Mai (Viet Nam) | Korea Meteorological Administration | 16-29 April 2017 |
| Observational Study on Intensity and Structure of Offshore Typhoon for EXOTICCA | Mr. Jaral Yiemwech (Thailand)  Ms. Khanh Hoa Bui Thi (Viet Nam) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | September 2017 |
| Benefit evaluation of Typhoon disaster prevention and preparedness | Mr. Nursalleh Chang (Malaysia) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | September 2017 |
| Visiting Editor for Tropical Cyclone Research and Review | Mr. Somkuan Tonjan (Thailand)  Dr. Doan Quang Tri from (Viet Nam) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | February 2018 |
| Tropical Cyclone Precipitation Verification | No nomination was received | Shanghai Typhoon Institute | NA |
| Short-term Rainfall Forecast for Tropical Cyclone Using Himawari-8 Data and NWP Model Products | Applicant who was accepted for the fellowship withdrew from the offer | Hong Kong Observatory | NA |

***Annex III***

**TRCG Publications / Papers**

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Wong W.K., S. Sumdin, and E.S.T Lai 2010: Development of Air-Sea Bulk Transfer Coefficients and Roughness Lengths in JMA Non-hydrostatic Model and Application in Prediction of an Intense Tropical Cyclone. Scientific Online Letters on the Atmosphere (SOLA), **6**, 65-68.

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***Annex IV***

**List of Resource Persons**

| **Member** | **Specialties** | **Name** | **E-mail** | **Affiliation** |
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| ***(A) Data Assimilation*** | | | | |
| China | TC vortex initialization | LIANG, Xudong | Liangxd@mail.typhoon.gov.cn | Shanghai Typhoon Institute |
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| Radar data quality control and assimilation scheme | GONG, Jiandong | gongjd@cma.gov.cn | National Meteorological Center |
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| ***(A) Data Assimilation (cont’d)*** | | | | |
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| Radar data analysis | JUNG, Sung Hwa | shjung95@korea.kr | Korea Meteorological Administration |
| USA (western North Pacific) | TC analysis, satellite interpretation, use of microwave imagery and scatterometer data | Tom LEE  Peter BLACK  Paul CHANG | [Lee@nrlmry.navy.mil](mailto:Lee@nrlmry.navy.mil)  [Peter.Black.ctr@nrlmry.navy.mil](mailto:Peter.Black.ctr@nrlmry.navy.mil)  [Paul.S.Chang@noaa.gov](mailto:Paul.S.Chang@noaa.gov) | NRL, Monterey, CA  NRL, Monterey CA  NOAA/NESDIS, Suitland MD |
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| Ensemble track forecasting | ZHOU, Xiaqiong | [zhouxq@mail.typhoon.gov.cn](mailto:zhouxq@mail.typhoon.gov.cn) | Shanghai Typhoon Institute |
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| ***(B) Modelling (cont’d)*** | | | | | |
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| Storm surge modelling | Nadao KOHNO | nkono@met.kishou.go.jp | Japan Meteorological Agency |
| Republic of  Korea | | Global NWP model tracks | KIM, Yoon Jae | yoonjae@korea.kr | Korea Meteorological Administration |
| Ensemble track  forecasting | LEE, Seung Woo | redparis@korea.kr | Korea Meteorological Administration |
| Typhoon modelling | JOO, Sang Won | swjoo@korea.kr | Korea Meteorological Administration |
| USA (western North Pacific) | | TC Modeling  Extratropical Transition  TC Genesis  Sub-Tropical Systems Structure | Jim DOYLE  Pat HARR  Jenni EVANS | [James.Doyle@nrlmry.navy.mil](mailto:James.Doyle@nrlmry.navy.mil)  [paharr@nps.edu](mailto:paharr@nps.edu)  evans@meteo.psu.edu | NRL, Monterey CA  Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA  Pennsylvania State Univ |
| Viet Nam | | Computational fluid dynamics and modelling | LE, Duc | leducvn@yahoo.com | National Hydro-Meteorological Service  of Viet Nam |
| ***(C) Forecasting*** | | | | | |
| China | | Track and intensity  forecasting | LEI, Xiaotu | Leixt@mail.typhoon.gov.cn | Shanghai Typhoon Institute |
| Long-range prediction  of typhoon | XU, Ming | Xum@mail.typhoon.gov.cn | Shanghai Typhoon Institute |
| Hong Kong, China | | TC climatology and best track analysis | C.W. CHOY | cwchoy@hko.gov.hk | Hong Kong Observatory |
| TC rainfall nowcasting | W.C. Woo | wcwoo@hko.gov.hk | Hong Kong Observatory |
| TC intensity, structure and landfall impact | S.T. Chan | stchan@hko.gov.hk | Hong Kong Observatory |
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| TC motion, intensity,  size, modelling and seasonal prediction | Johnny C.L. CHAN | Johnny.Chan@cityu.edu.hk | City University of Hong Kong. |
| Japan | | Satellite data analysis, use of microwave imagery, AMSU | Ryo OYAMA | [royama@mri-jma.go.jp](mailto:royama@mri-jma.go.jp) | Meteorological Research Institute |
| Doppler radar data analysis | Udai SHIMADA | [ushimada@mri-jma.go.jp](mailto:ushimada@mri-jma.go.jp) | Meteorological Research Institute |
| Republic of Korea | | Track and intensity forecasting | KANG, Nam Young | kny@kma.go.kr | Korea Meteorological Administration |
| Long-range prediction  of typhoon |
| Singapore | | Seasonal prediction  of typhoon | LIM, Tian Kuay | LIM\_Tian\_Kuay@nea.gov.sg | Meteorological Services Division,  National Environment Agency |
| ***(C) Forecasting (cont’d)*** | | | | | |
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| Satellite data analysis,  use of microwave imagery, automated Dvorak Technique, AMSU | Chris VELDEN  Derrick HERNDON | [chris.velden@ssec.wisc.edu](mailto:chris.velden@ssec.wisc.edu)  [dherndon@ssec.wisc.edu](mailto:dherndon@ssec.wisc.edu) | CIMSS,  University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Satellite data analysis,  use of microwave imagery, AMSU | John KNAFF | john.knaff@noaa.gov | NOAA/NESDIS at CIRA,  Colorado State University |
| Satellite-based rainfall estimates in TCs (eTRaP) | Bob KULIGOWSKI Shelden KUSSELSON | bob.kuligowski@noaa.gov [sheldon.kusselson@noaa.gov](mailto:sheldon.kusselson@noaa.gov) | NOAA/NESDIS  Suitland, Maryland |
| ***(D) Application*** | | | | | |
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| TC information visualization and display systems | | S.T. CHAN | stchan@hko.gov.hk | Hong Kong Observatory |
| USA (western North Pacific) | TC warning and disaster preparedness, seasonal prediction, Dvorak technique | | Chip GUARD | chip.guard@noaa.gov | NOAA National Weather Service  Guam |

***Annex V***

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| **Training and Research Coordination Group (TRCG) Annual Operating Plan 2017** | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| Objective Number | KRA / SG | Objective | Action | Other WGs Involved | TCS Responsibility | Expected Quarter Completed | Other Organizations Involved | Success Indicators | Funding Required | Funding Sources | Review and Target Met ?  (Yes/No) |
| 1 | KRA 6 / SG 6b and 6c | To: (a) implement training initiatives in the priority operational and research areas as identified in the TRCG annual report; and (b) enhance Members' capability and capacity in the assessment of damage and pre-assessment of potential impact caused by landfalling TCs | TRCG planning meeting in conjunction with the 12th IWS | WGM, WGH and WGDRR | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 4th | - | Formulating the 4-year plan of TRCG | USD 12,500 | TCTF | Yes |
| 2 | KRA 6 / SG 6b and 6c | To facilitate technology transfer among TC Members through research and development initiatives. | Research Fellowship | WGM, WGH and WGDRR | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 2nd - 4th | TC Members | Publication of research findings and development output in TCRR or other journals. | Fellowship offered by voluntary hosts. | TC Members | Yes |
| 3 | KRA 6 / SG 6b and 6c | To enhance TC Members' capacity and knowledge in operational tropical cyclone forecasting. | Attachment of 3 forecasters from TC and 3 forecasters from PTC to RSMC Tokyo | nil | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 4th | RSMC Tokyo, WMO | Assessment as given in RSMC Tokyo report. | USD 7,5001 | TCTF | Yes |
| 4 | KRA 6 / SG 6b and 6c | To enhance TC Members' capacity and knowledge in operational tropical cyclone forecasting. | Attachment of up to 4 forecasters from TC to CMA | nil | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 3rd – 4th | CMA | Assessment as given in CMA report. | Participation will be supported by CMA | CMA | Yes |

**Remark:**

1. Additional financial supports for 2 day extension of the training (i.e., DSA for three trainees staying 2 days in Tokyo) provided by from WMO Secretariat (PWS)

**Annex VI**

**The Third TRCG Meeting Notes**

**Jeju, Republic of Korea (31 October - 1 November 2017)**

In attendance:

Chair: LEE, Tsz cheung (Note-taker) Hong Kong, China

Members: QIAN, Chuan hai China

MUROI, Chiashi Japan

MAHAEHALEUN, Mayphou Lao PDR

ADDULLAH, Muhammad Helmi Malaysia

DAVID, J. Shirley (Ms) Philippines

KANG, Nam young Republic of Korea

PETVIROJCHZI, Patchara Thailand

DINH, Thai hung Viet Nam

Other participants

WANG, Qian (Ms) China

WON, Seong hee Republic of Korea

CHOI, Min ju Republic of Korea

YANG, Seh wan Republic of Korea

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1. TRCG Chair thanked all present for making an effort to attend the third TRCG meeting in Jeju.

**RSMC Training Attachment**

1. Mr Murio of RSMC-Tokyo presented a review of RSMC Training Attachment in 2014-2017 and briefed the meeting the future plan for 2018-2021 (Appendix 1). RSMC Tokyo will continue to offer this training attachment in 2018-2021 and the current content and nomination procedures will generally be maintained in the next four years. The budget of USD 2500 for supporting each participant from TC member is considered appropriate based on the latest assessment.
2. In the future, RSMC-Tokyo will consider incorporating the forecast competency aspects in arranging the future contents of the training. Moreover, RSMC Tokyo will consider accepting self-funded nominations from TC Members. TRCG will notify TCS to mention this possibility in the invitation letter.

**CMA Typhoon Forecaster Training Programme**

1. On behalf of Mr Qian of CMA, Ms Wang briefed the meeting about the CMA Typhoon Forecaster Training in 2016-2017 (Appendix 2). CMA will continue to support this forecaster training programme in 2018-2021.
2. It is proposed that a short period of attachment to CMA's forecasting center could be included in this training programme to further enhance the hand-on experience of the participants. CMA will explore the possibility of incorporating this suggestion in the future training courses.

**Roving seminars in 2018-2020**

1. After reviewing a number of possible themes for the Roving Seminar in 2018-2020, participants identified three main themes covering meteorological, hydrological, and DRR components, namely “Application of remote sensing technologies”, “QPE and QPF” and “Impact-based forecasting”. Preliminarily, Japan, China, and Viet Nam expressed an interest in hosting roving seminars in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively.

**Prioritization and need for training and research**

1. On the review of priority and need for training and research activities, it was suggested re-organizing and enriching the training and research topics as well as including an area for cross cutting topics. In particular, the application of new observation technologies and ensemble prediction systems, the development of impact-based forecasting, probability forecasting, extended outlook and tropical cyclone structure and intensity forecasting, and the utilization of big data, social media, crowdsourcing and A.I. have been incorporated in the updated priority and need for training and research.

**TECO 2018**

1. The TECO will be held on 26-27 February 2018 in Vietnam, in conjunction with the 50th Session of Typhoon Committee. Dr Lee of HKO reported the proposed arrangements and preparation progress of the TECO. Participants provided useful suggestions on the programme arrangements of the TECO. Suggestions were made that, for technical presentations, parallel sessions could be arranged to accommodate more submissions from TC Members. Also, with the adoption of the parallel session approach, the proposed poster session would no longer be required. It was also suggested that a panel discussion among Keynote Speakers and moderator could be arranged to replace the proposed wrap up discussion.
2. Some participants indicated that about 1 to 1.5 month may be required for them to go through the administrative procedures in nominating participants to the TECO and TC50. The meeting encouraged Typhoon Committee Secretariat to issue the invitation and announcement as soon as possible, preferably in November 2017.

**Other items**

1. Participants exchanged views on potential initiatives to facilitate cross cutting collaboration among meteorological, hydrological and DRR communities based on existing TRCG activities and resources. It was considered that “Impact-based forecasting” is one of the important common areas of the three working groups for establishing collaboration and the concept of “Science for Services” could be incorporated as appropriate. Participants agreed that the possibility of involving hydrologists and DRR experts in RSMC Attachment Training, CMA Training Programme, and TC Research Fellowship Schemes could be explored by corresponding Members.
2. To further enhance the communication and planning of TRCG, participants generally agreed that TRCG Members should meet more frequently, say with a meeting time slot to be included in each TC session or IWS in addition to the scheduled quadrennial meeting. TC Members are encouraged to release TRCG members to the meeting as far as possible.
3. Mr Roger Edson of USA has indicated to leave the TRCG and step down from the Vice Chair position. The meeting thanked Mr Edson’s contribution to the TRCG over the years. TRCG will invite USA to nominate another expert to join the group later. Nomination for Dr Kang Nam-young of Republic of Korea to serve as the new Vice Chair was received and supported by the participants. The nomination will be submitted to the 50th Session for consideration and approval.

**Provisional work plan 2018-2021**

1. In consideration of the aforementioned discussion, provisional TRCG work plan for 2018 – 2021 (see Annex VII of TRCG Report) and Annual Operating Plan of 2018 (Annex VIII of TRCG Report) were prepared.

**Appendix 1**

**Presentation on RSMC Attachment Training - Summary of 2014-2017 and plan for 2018-2021**



**Appendix 2**

**Presentation of CMA Typhoon Training Activities in 2016-2017**



**Annex VII**

**Provisional TRCG Work Plan (2018 – 2021)**

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| **Year** | **Quarter** | **Typhoon**  **Committee**  **Activity** | **Training and Research Activities (\*activities organized by parties other than TRCG)** | **Themes (if any) / Remarks** |
| **2018** | **Q1** | TC-50 TECO | Technical Conference (TECO) in conjunction with the TC50 | To be held in Viet Nam with the main theme on “Embracing new technologies and knowledge to  meet the challenges in the new era of tropical cyclone forecasting” |
| **Q2** |  | Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q3** |  | CMA Training Program | TBC |
| Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q4** | 13th IWS  (Chiang Mai, Thailand) | Research Fellowship |  |
| RSMC Tokyo attachment | TBC |
| Roving Seminar\* | Theme on "Application of remote sensing technologies". Hosting venue is being coordinated and to be confirmed. |
| **2019** | **Q1** | TC-51 |  |  |
| **Q2** |  | Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q3** |  | CMA Training Program | TBC |
| Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q4** | 14th IWS  (Hawaii, USA) | Research Fellowship |  |
| RSMC Tokyo attachment | TBC |
| Roving Seminar\* | Proposed to be in China with theme on "QPE and QPF" |
| **2020** | **Q1** | TC-52 |  |  |
| **Q2** |  | Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q3** |  | CMA Training Program | TBC |
| Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q4** | 15th IWS  (TBC) | Research Fellowship |  |
| RSMC Tokyo attachment | TBC |
| Roving Seminar\* | Proposed to be in Vietnam with theme on "Impact-based forecasting" |
| **2021** | **Q1** | TC-53 |  |  |
| **Q2** |  | Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q3** |  | CMA Training Program | TBC |
| Research Fellowship |  |
| **Q4** | 16th IWS  (TBC) | Research Fellowship |  |
| RSMC Tokyo attachment | TBC |
| TRCG Forum / 4th TRCG Meeting | Proposed to be in conjunction with the 15th IWS |

\* The hosting venue of the roving seminar is still subject to the confirmation of the proposed hosting Member.

**Annex VIII**

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| Roving Seminar  [Application of remote sensing technologies] | WGM, WGH and WGDRR | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 4th |  | Feedback from evaluation forms to be completed by a target audience of about 30 people. | USD 16,000 | TCTF |
| 2 | KRA 6 / SG 6b and 6c | To facilitate technology transfer among TC Members through research and development initiatives. | Research Fellowship | WGM, WGH and WGDRR | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 2nd - 4th | TC Members | Publication of research findings and development output in TCRR or other journals. | Fellowship offered by voluntary hosts. | TC Members |
| 3 | KRA 6 / SG 6b and 6c | To enhance TC Members' capacity and knowledge in operational tropical cyclone forecasting. | Attachment of 3 forecasters from TC and 3 forecasters from PTC to RSMC Tokyo | nil | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 4th | RSMC Tokyo, WMO | Assessment as given in RSMC Tokyo report. | USD 7,5002 | TCTF |
| 4 | KRA 6 / SG 6b and 6c | To enhance TC Members' capacity and knowledge in operational tropical cyclone forecasting. | Up to 4 forecasters from TC to CMA Forecaster Training | nil | Provision of administrative and logistic support. | 3rd – 4th | CMA | Assessment as given in CMA report. | Participation will be supported by CMA | CMA |

**Remarks :**

1. Including estimated budget for the proposed TC50 TECO to be held in conjunction with TC50 in early 2018

2. Additional financial supports for 2 day extension of the training (i.e., DSA for three trainees staying 2 days in Tokyo) provided by from WMO Secretariat (PWS)