

**ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee
The Fifty-sixth Session
27 February – 01 March 2024
Kuala Lumpur • Malaysia**

**Opening Ceremony
27 February 2024**

START TIME	EVENT
09:00	Arrival of Participants/Guests
09:30	Opening Ceremony starts - Singing of National Anthem - Doa Recitation
09:35	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. LEONG Weng Kun, Director, Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) of Macao SAR, TC55 Chairperson
09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded Speech by Prof Celeste Saulo, Secretary General of WMO
09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Soomi Hong, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Information and Communications Technology Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Duan Yihong, Secretary of the Typhoon Committee
09:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Muhammad Helmi Abdullah, Director General of the Malaysian Meteorological Department
10:00	Opening Address The Honourable Dr Ching Thoo s/o Kim Secretary General of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability – (Video Montage will be aired to officiate the opening of TC56 Session)
10:10	Roman Kintanar Award Presentation – presented by TCS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Dr Kintanar Award: 1) Roman Kintanar Award 2019 – Winner: Drainage Services Department (DSD) of the Government of Hong Kong SAR, China ACCEPTANCE SPEECH by DSD 2) Roman Kintanar Award 2020 – Winner: Joint Team (International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management, Infrastructure Development Institute and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) of Japan ACCEPTANCE SPEECH by JOINT TEAM JAPAN 3) Roman Kintanar Award 2021 – Winner: Department of Meteorology & Hydrology (DMH) of Lao PDR ACCEPTANCE SPEECH by DMH 4) Roman Kintanar Award 2022 – Winner: Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) of Macao, China. ACCEPTANCE SPEECH by SMG 5) Roman Kintanar Award 2023 – Winner: Weather Forecast Office Guam, NOAA, USA and Malaysian Meteorological Department, Malaysia and ACCEPTANCE SPEECH by GUAM WFO USA ACCEPTANCE SPEECH by MET MALAYSIA

10:35	Group Photo
10:40	Coffee break
10:50	End of Opening ceremony