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*Annoyed by not knowing what the weather is like at your travel destinations?*

*Frustrated by not knowing where to find out what the weather is doing around the world?*

## **World Weather Information Service & Severe Weather Information Centre**

The "World Weather Information Service"

Web site: <http://www.worldweather.org>  
will relieve your anxiety.

The "Severe Weather Information Centre"

Web site: <http://severe.worldweather.org>  
will provide the answers you need.

The Hong Kong Observatory has designed and is operating these two weather-related web sites on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization of the United Nations.



## **World city weather forecast and climate information**

The "World Weather Information Service" web site provides weather forecasts, climate data and official weather observations for cities of the world. Information in the web site originates from national weather services worldwide. These official weather services operate standardised national weather observing networks and follow rigorous forecasting procedures. Their weather forecasts are authoritative and reliable, which cannot be matched by those from unofficial sources. For example, it is rather common to find temperature forecasts for a place from various unofficial web sites differing from one another by several degrees or even as much as ten degrees. The reasons for such discrepancies are that these forecasts may not be provided by the official weather services and that the owners of the web sites also may not have the essential local forecasting experience.



## Special feature of these web sites

Apart from providing weather information, these two web sites also furnish links to the official weather services all over the world. One may treat this web site as a portal of the meteorological community, which enables official weather web sites and information on official weather services worldwide to be accessed with ease.



## International Status



The WMO and the international meteorological community compliment the Hong Kong Observatory on its work in designing and running these two web sites. The web sites have increased the visibility of developing countries in the international weather service arena. The experience gained will also be used to help developing countries, including the least developed countries, to build up their Internet-based weather services. The

contribution of Hong Kong, China to the global weather service is now widely recognized.