

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Central Weather Administration and Taiwan Historica Sign Cooperation Agreement**

The Central Weather Administration (hereafter referred to as CWA) and Taiwan Historica, under the National Archives Administration, signed a cooperation agreement today (December 9). By integrating the professional expertise and resources of both institutions, this collaboration will enable a deeper exploration of Taiwan's meteorological history and the trajectory of climate change, while preserving invaluable cultural assets for future generations.

In recent years, the impacts of climate change on human life have become increasingly evident, presenting severe challenges. Extreme weather events are no longer just statistical figures; they are tangible phenomena affecting our society, economy, and daily lives. As awareness of climate change and local identity grows, historical meteorological events in Taiwan—particularly records of extreme climate events—serve as critical references for understanding climate change trends and enhancing disaster preparedness. By studying past disasters, we can learn valuable lessons, improve current early-warning and prevention mechanisms, and strengthen society's resilience to climate change.

CWA Administrator Dr. Kuo-Chen Lu emphasized that the Administration possesses over a century of systematic meteorological observation data, while Taiwan Historica holds a vast collection of precious historical documents, including civil records and official archives related to climate and disasters. Joint collaboration between the two institutions will expand meteorological history research beyond scientific data, allowing for a multi-dimensional analysis of extreme climate events from social, cultural, and economic perspectives. This integration of meteorological science with local historical culture will help the public better understand how Taiwan's unique geography has shaped its history and how climate change continues to exert a profound influence on society. Such efforts foster national identity, respect for history, and greater participation in citizen science.

Taiwan Historica Director Mr. Hsiang-Yu Huang noted that cooperation between the two institutions dates back many years. In 2010, the then-Central Weather Bureau supported Taiwan Historica's special exhibition "Weathering the Storms—Collective Memories of the Island People: A Century of Typhoon Records" by providing meteorological instruments. In 2011, the Bureau's Southern Region Weather Center collaborated with Taiwan Historica to present the "Century of Meteorology" exhibition. Building upon this foundation, today's formal agreement represents a significant step forward in combining historical archives with scientific observation. The Director expressed optimism that future cooperation will continue to promote data sharing, publication, digitization, and interdisciplinary research, and yielding fruitful results.

The signing ceremony was jointly officiated by CWA Administrator Dr. Kuo-Chen Lu and Taiwan Historica Director Mr. Hsiang-Yu Huang, with dozens of senior officials from both institutions witnessing the event. It is anticipated that this partnership will create new horizons for cultural heritage in Taiwan.