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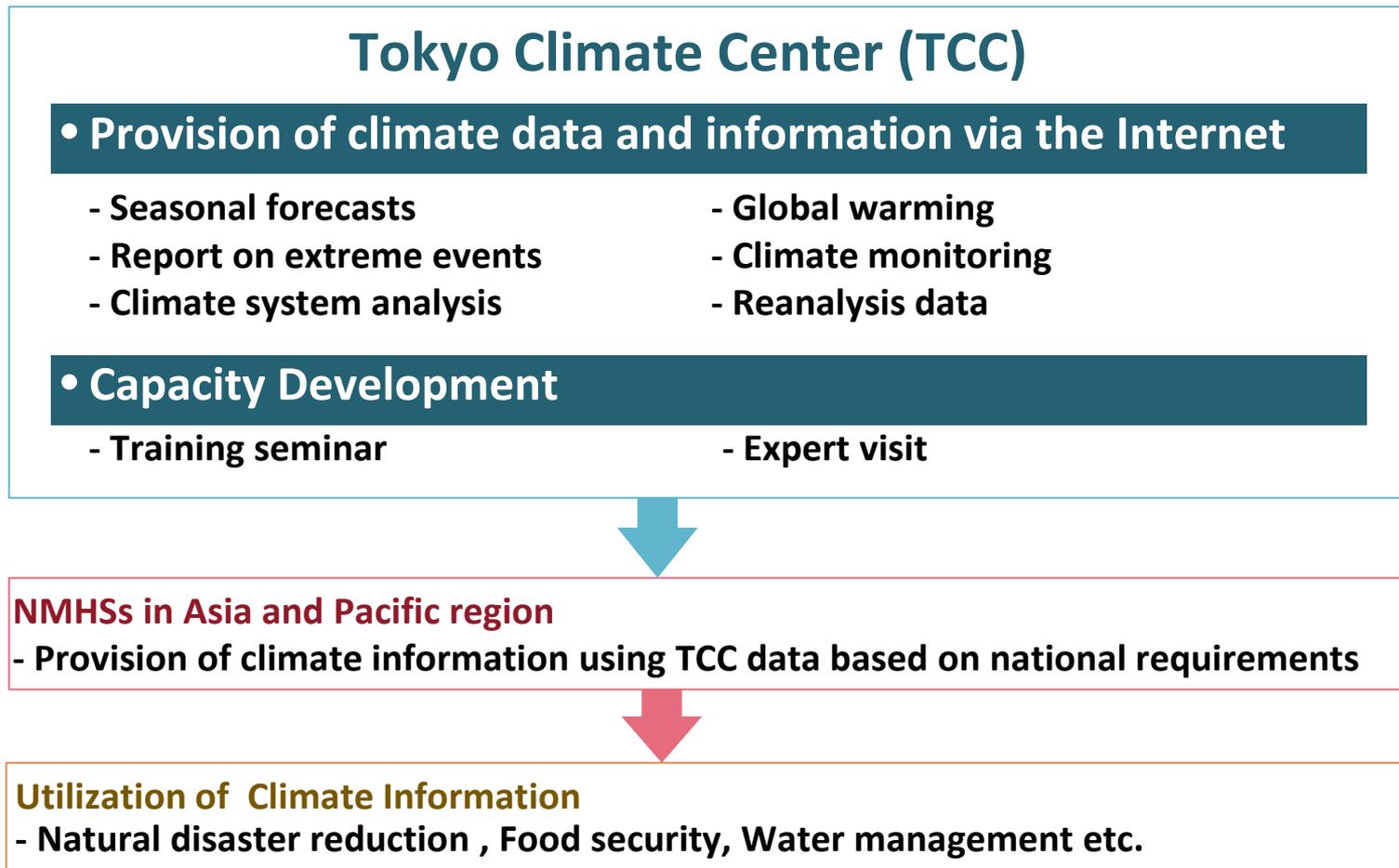
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Tokyo Climate Center (TCC)

- TCC supports NMHSs through **data/information provision** and **capacity development activities**
- TCC and BCC have served as a WMO RCC in RA II



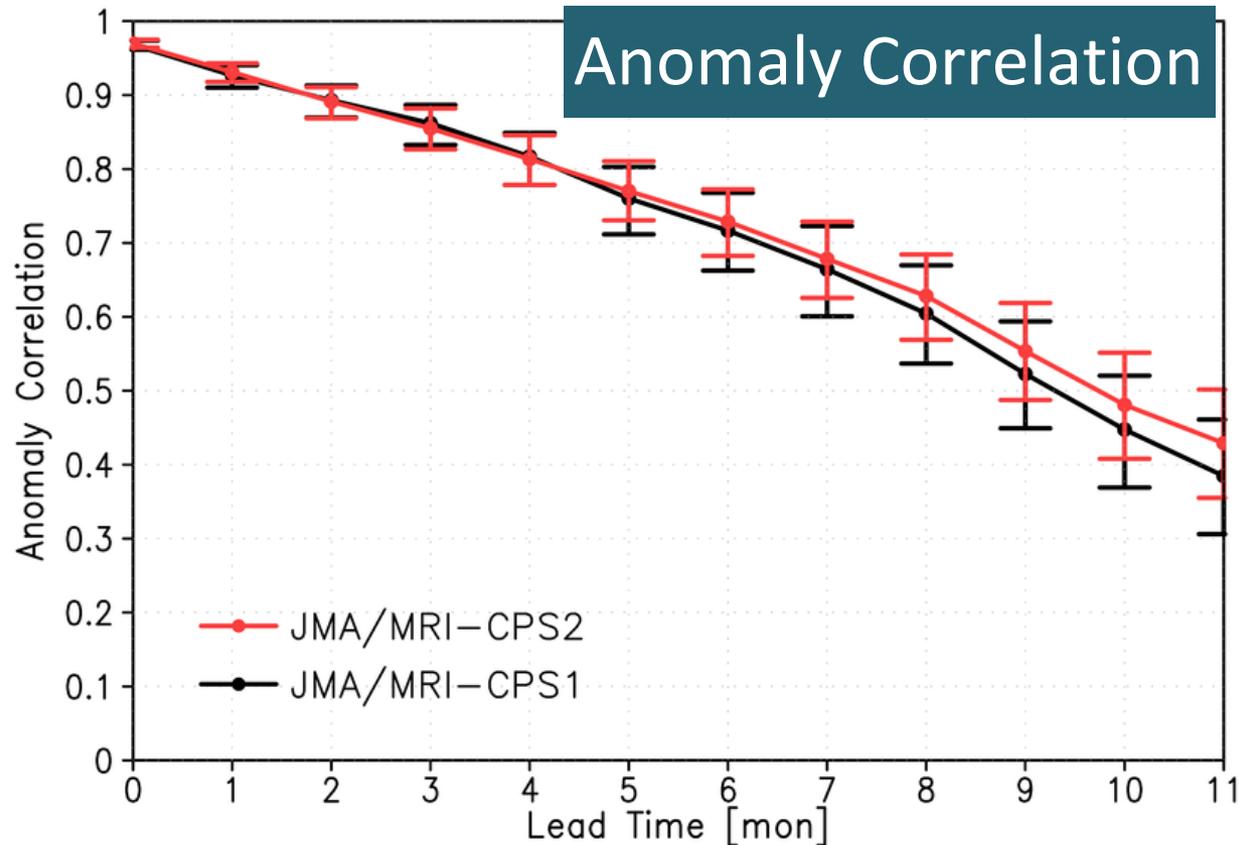
JMA new seasonal prediction system

JMA/MRI-CPS2 (June 2015-)

- Increased resolution
- Improved physics
- Interactive sea ice model
- Green House Gases
- Land initialization
- Stochastic physics

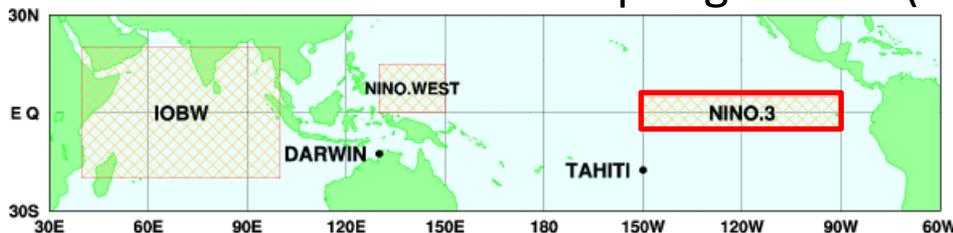
	JMA/MRI-CPS1 (Old)	JMA/MRI-CPS2 (New)
Atmosphere (JMA-GSM)	TL95L40, ~180km, Up to 0.4hPa	TL159L60 , ~110km , Up to 0.1hPa Stochastic Tendency Perturbation GHG forcing from RCP4.5 scenario
Ocean (MRI.COM) <small>(Tsujino et al 2010)</small>	1.0° (lon) x 0.3-1° (lat) L50 75° S-75° N Ocean Sea-ice climatology	1.0° (lon) x 0.3-0.5° (lat) L52+BBL Global Ocean with Tripolar Grid Sea-ice model
Coupler (Scup) <small>(Yoshimura & Yukimoto 2008)</small>	1-hour coupling interval Momentum and heat flux adjustments	1-hour coupling interval No flux adjustment
Initial Condition	Atmosphere: JRA-25 Land: Climatology with ERA-15 forcing Ocean: MOVE/MRI.COM-G T, S&SSH <small>(Usui et al. 2006)</small> Sea-ice climatology	Atmosphere: JRA-55 Land: JRA-55 land analysis Ocean: MOVE/MRI.COM-G2 T, S & SSH Sea-ice model

NINO.3 prediction



The new operational system (JMA/MRI-CPS2) improves:

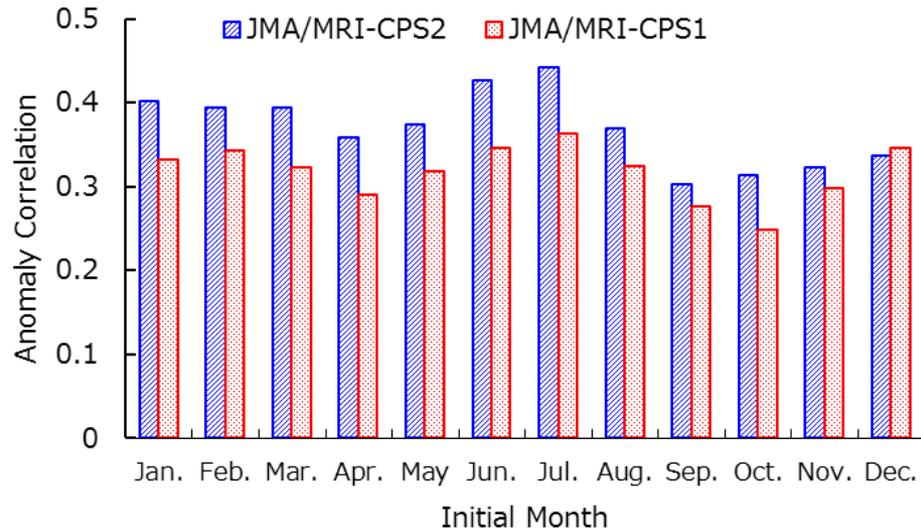
- Predictive skills in longer lead time
- Predictive skills over the spring barrier (not shown)



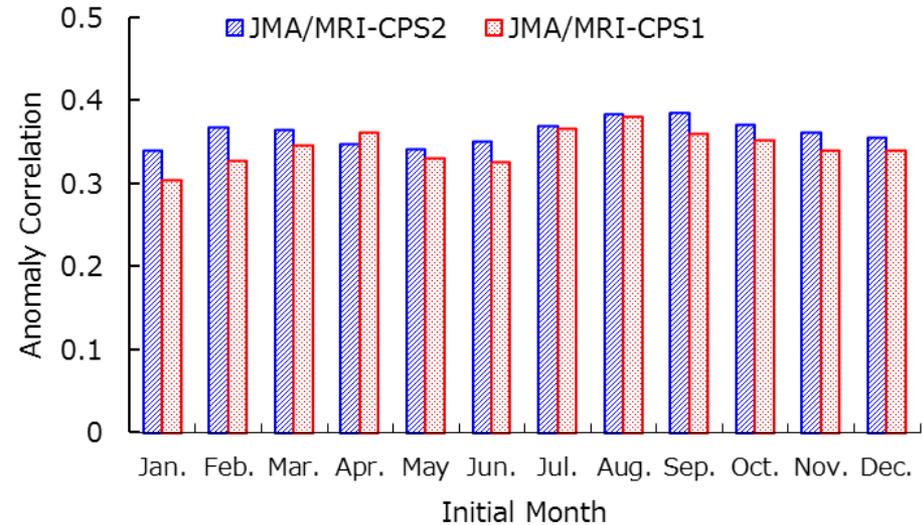
NINO.3 : 150W-90W, 5S-5N

ACC for 3-month forecast

ACC(T2m) averaged in NH



ACC(Precip) averaged in TRP



- For 3-month forecast, ACC for T2m in NH and Precip in TRP of the new system is **greater** than those of the old system in almost all initial months.
- Scores for other regions, other lead time, other variables are **generally improved**.

NH : 20N-90N,0E-360E
TRP : 20S-20N,0E-360E

Long Range Forecasts

Forecast and verification maps for one-month, seasonal and ENSO predictions are available.

One-month

forecast map

forecast period
 the first month
 initial date
 2015.05.11.00Z

[corresponding verification](#)

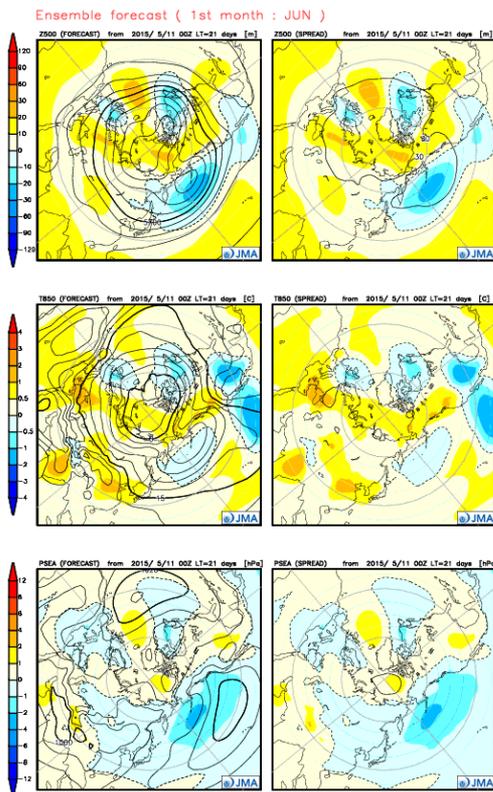
LT : lead time(day)
 kt : lead time(hour)

[FORECAST](left figures)

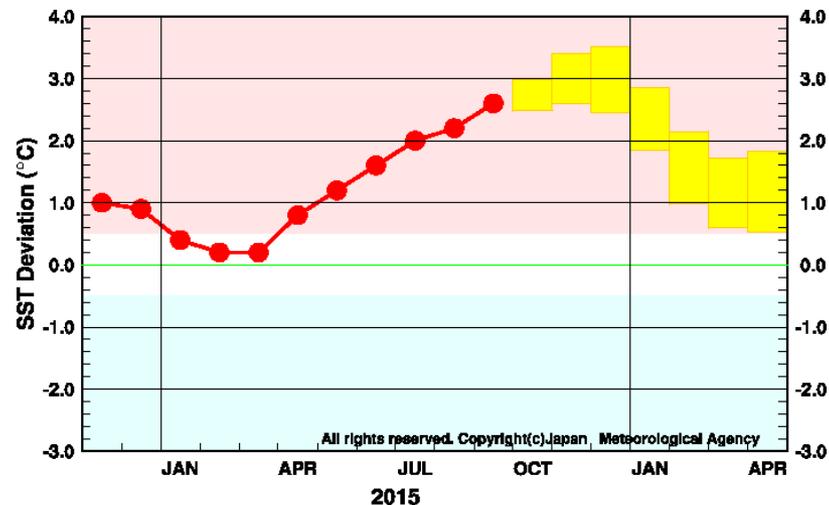
top : Contours show 500hPa height in an interval of 60m.
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 bottom : Contours show sea level pressure in an interval of 4hPa.
 (Shaded pattern show anomalies.)

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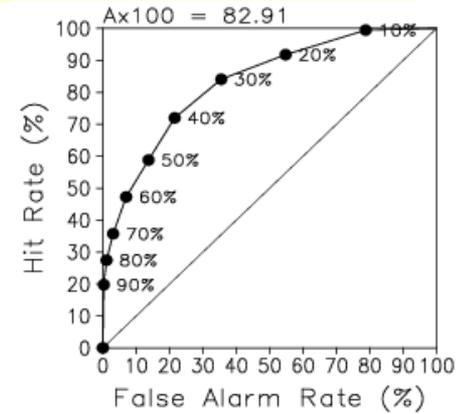
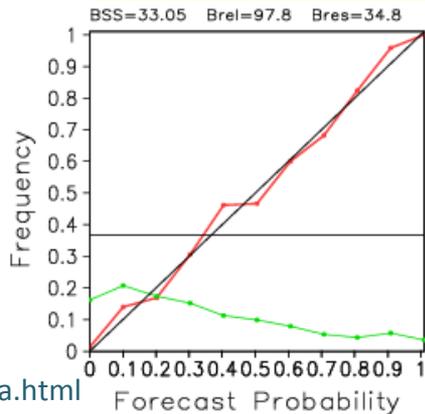
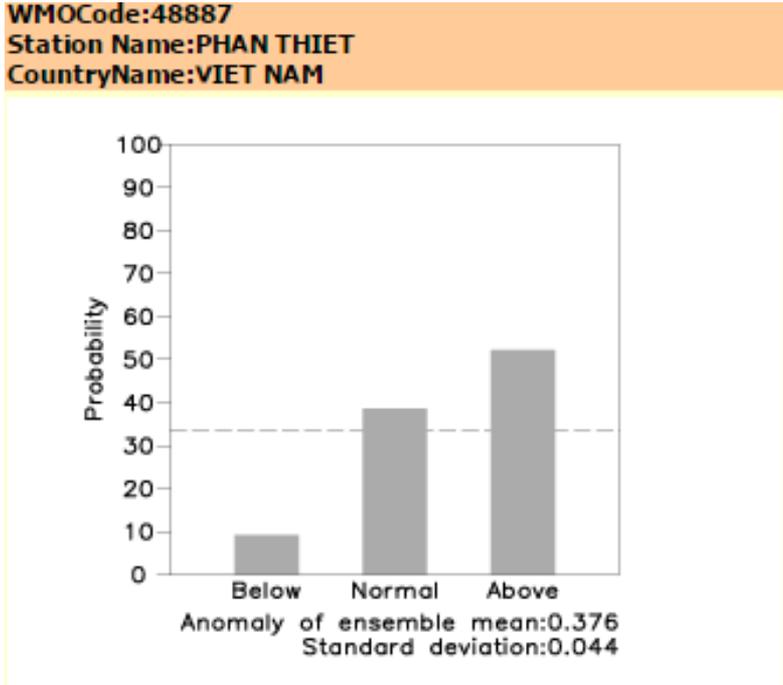
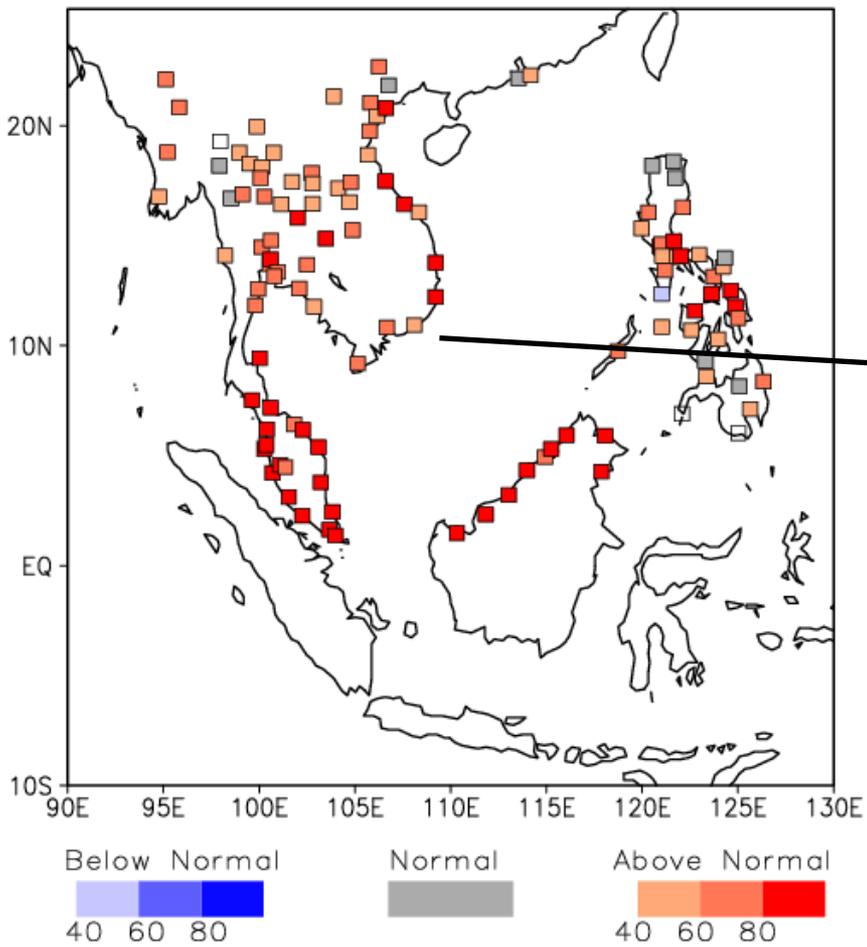
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 middle : Contours show spread of 850hPa temperature in an interval of 2C.
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ENSO



One-month Probabilistic Forecasts for Southern Asia with statistical downscaling techniques



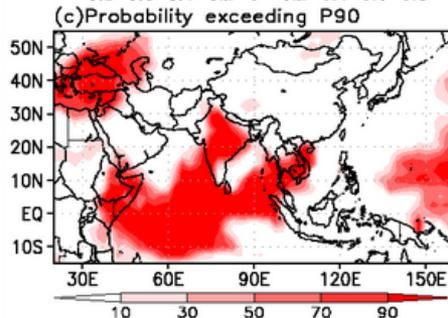
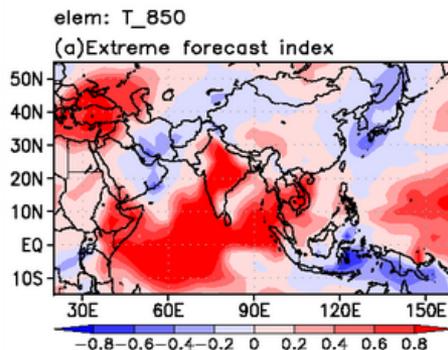
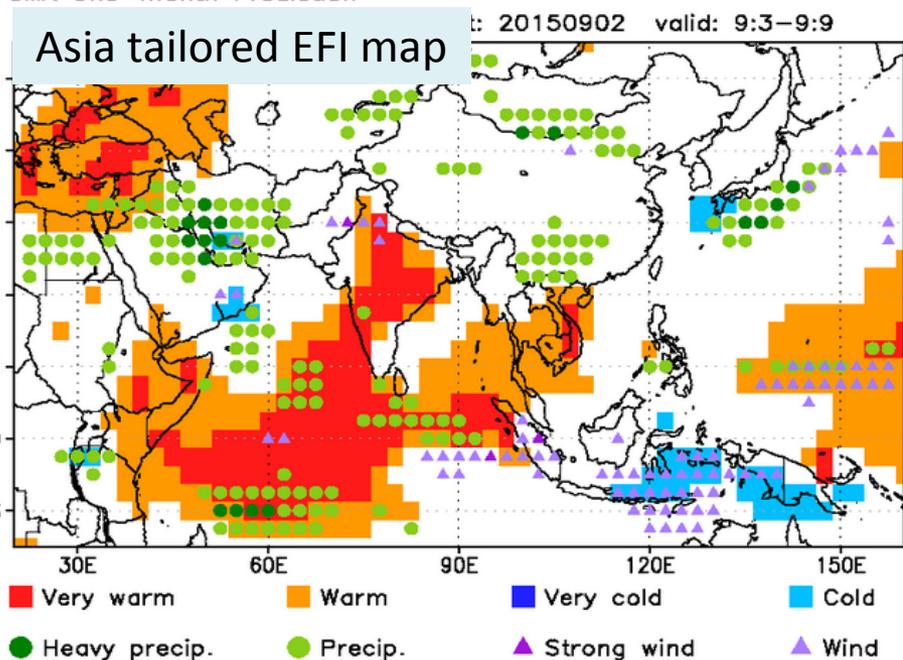
They are updated every Friday.

For Early Warnings for Extreme Weather Events (EFI)

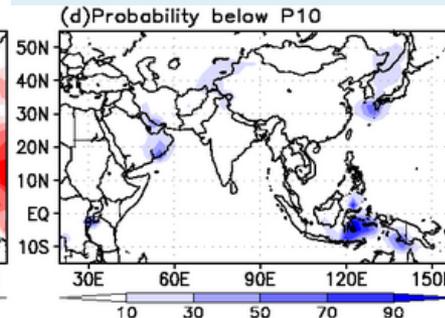
New!

To support the Asia-Pacific NMHSs in the provision of early warnings for extreme events, TCC developed a set of extreme weather warning products based on JMA's operational one-month ensemble prediction system. They are updated every Thursday.

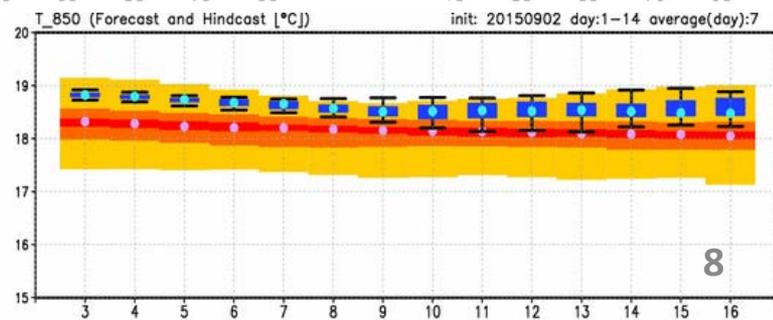
JMA One-month Prediction



Surface temperatures, precipitation amounts and wind distribution maps are also available.



Time-series representations of EFI and EPSgrams are provided for selected major cities.



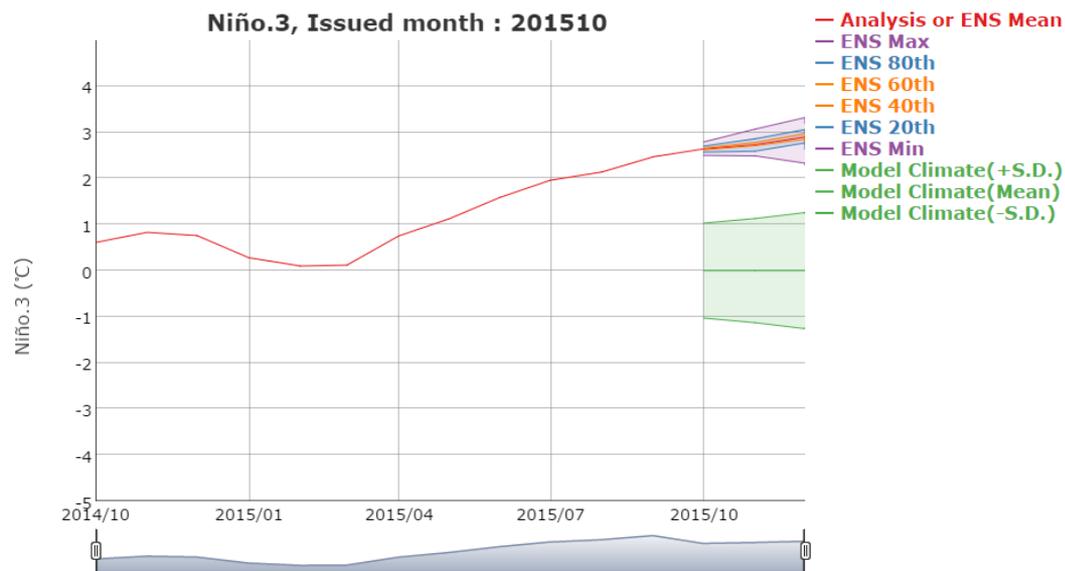
New!

Products and data requested at 2013 Brasilia workshop and 2014 ET-OPSLS meeting

Index	Description
Nino.1+2	Region off coasts of Peru and Chile (90W-80W, 10S-0)
Nino.3	Eastern/Central Tropical Pacific (150W-90W, 5S-5N)
Nino3.4	Central Tropical Pacific (170W-120W, 5S-5N)
Nino.4	Western/Central Tropical Pacific (160E-150W, 5S-5N)
TNA	Tropical North Atlantic (55W-15W, 5N-25N)
TSA	Tropical South Atlantic (30W-10E, 20S-0)
TAD	Tropical Atlantic Dipole (TNA-TSA)
WTIO	Western Tropical Indian Ocean (50E-70E, 10S-10N)
SETIO	Southeastern Tropical Indian Ocean (90E-110E, 10S-0)
IOD	Indian Ocean Dipole (WTIO-SETIO)

Three-month Prediction (SST Index Time-series)

Initial date: 201510
 Index: Niño.3
 Time-series Type: Anomaly Data

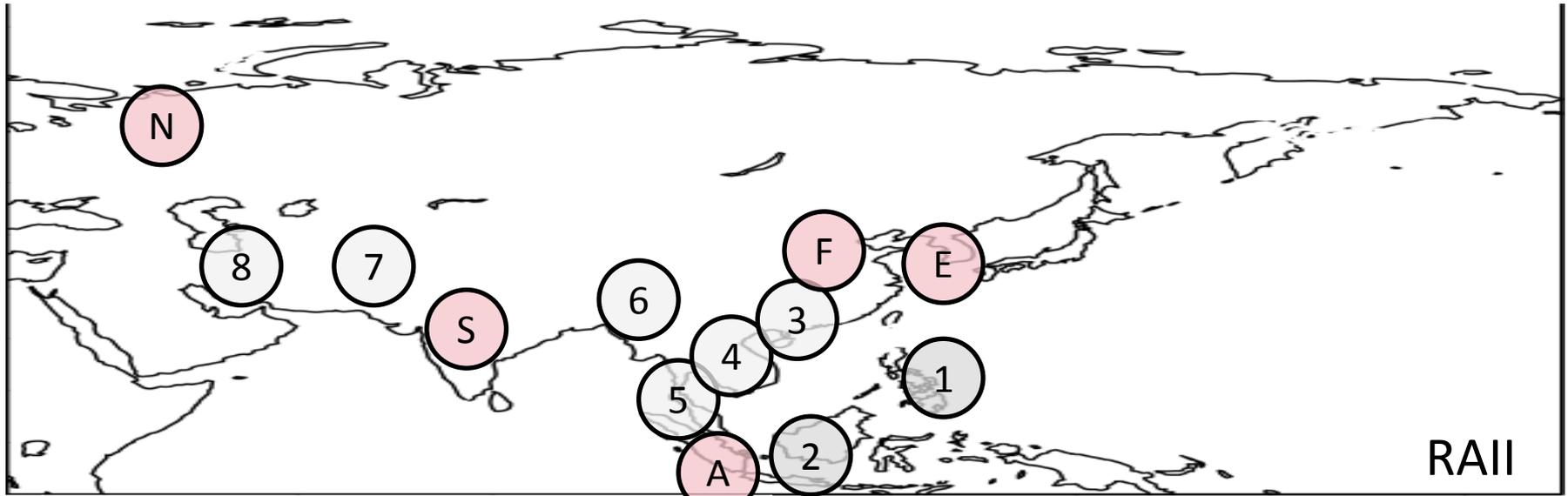


- ▶ Analysis Data: COBE-SST
- ▶ Forecast Data: JMA/MRI-CPS2
- ▶ The SST indices consist of monthly mean SSTs, monthly mean SST anomalies. Anomalies are relative to monthly normals of 30-year base period (1981 - 2010).
- ▶ S.D. : standard deviation based on 1981-2010 hindcast
- ▶ Definition of SST Indices

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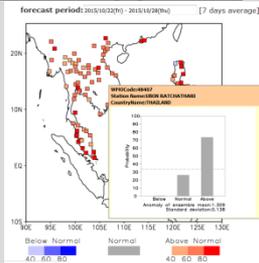
Predictions of SST indices in graphical and CVS formats are available.
 Tailored probabilistic forecasts for extremes are (5-category) under development.

Example for applying our products into forecast activities on NMHSs and contributions to RCOFs



NMHSs and RCOFs

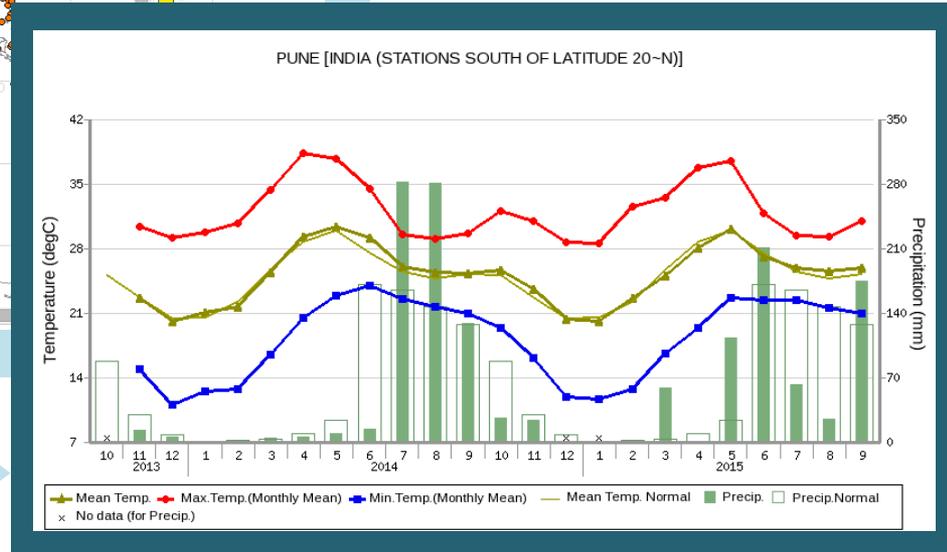
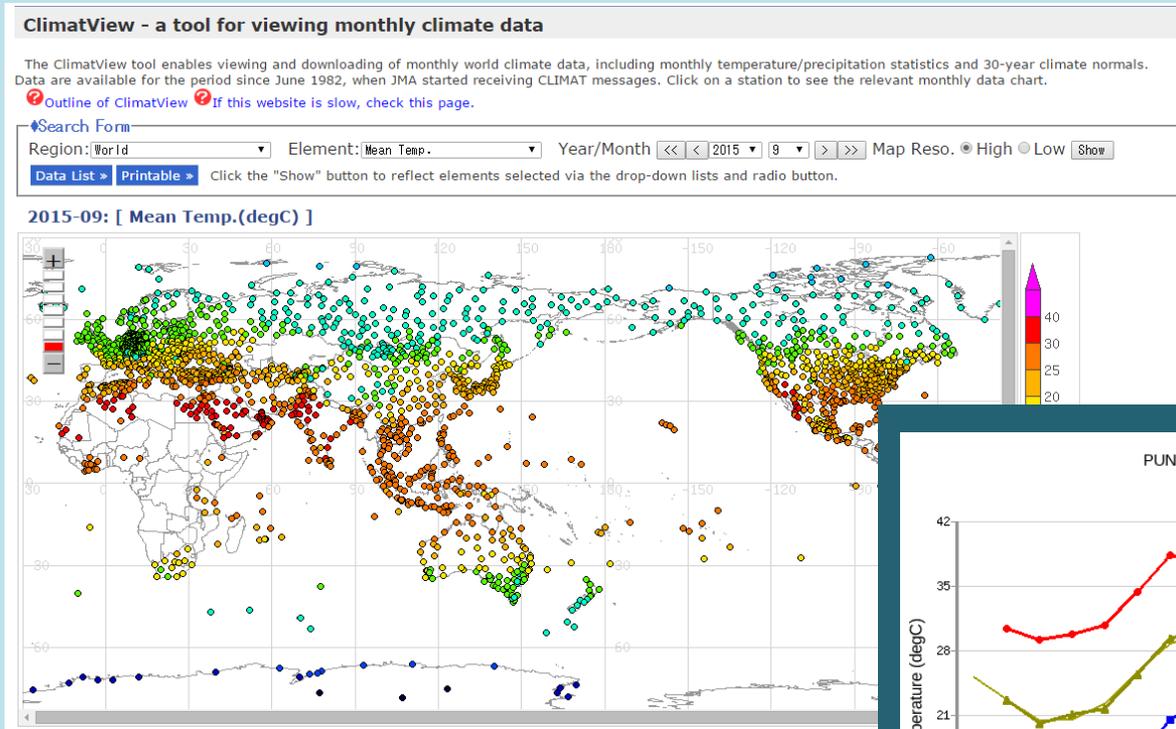
1	<u>BMKG (Indonesia) and PAGASA (Philippines)</u> is developing “one-month probabilistic forecast at station point” using our gridded forecast data and their historical data
2	
3	<u>Hong Kong observatory</u>
4	<u>Thailand</u>
5	<u>Malaysia</u>



6	<u>Bangladesh</u>
7	<u>Pakistan</u>
8	<u>Islamic Republic of Iran</u>
F	FOCRAII
E	EASCOF
N	NEACOF
S	SASCOF
A	ASEANCOF

Climat View

Powerful tool for displaying and downloading monthly world climate data. It allows users to see and obtain monthly mean temperatures, monthly total precipitation amounts and its anomaly or ratio at all available stations.



iTacs

TCC has developed an Interactive Tool for Analysis of the Climate System (iTacs) for NMHSs.

iTacs is a web-based application software for climate analysis such as composite, correlation, EOF and SVD.

Analysis Dataset Forecast Dataset

Analysis Dataset

Select parameters Graphic Options

Data1

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Vector SD
 Derivative: lon lat

Analysis method: DATA1_DATA2

Data2

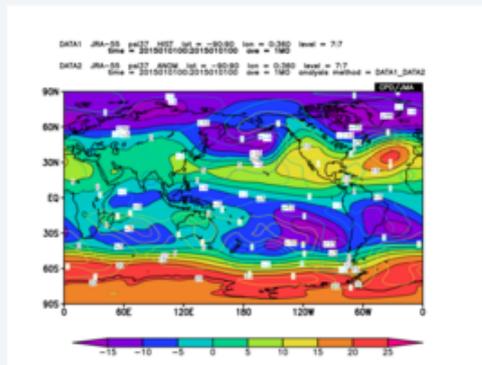
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Use parameter code

Analysis Data Submit

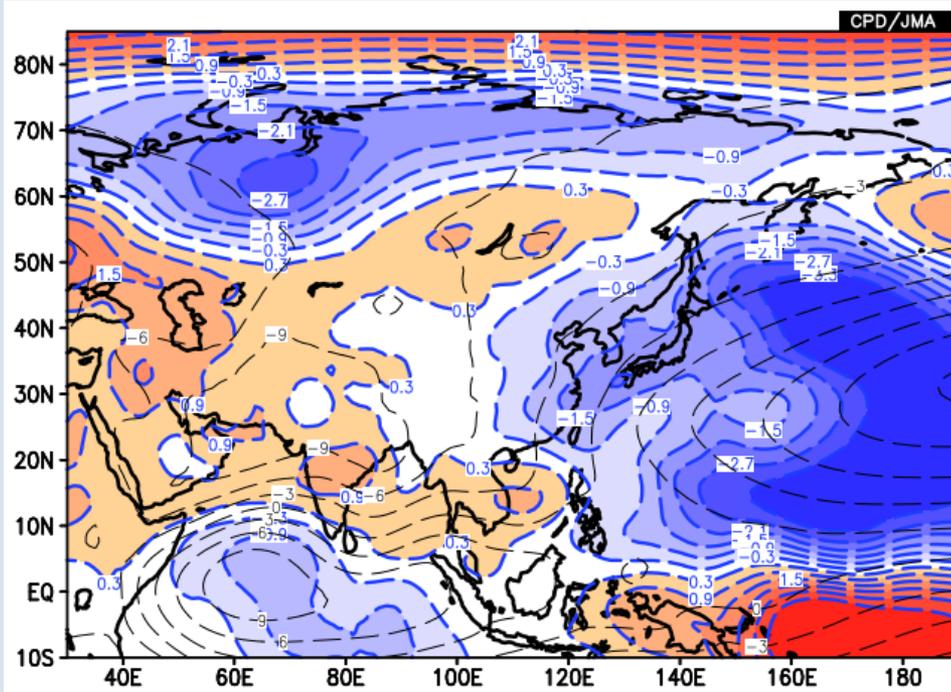
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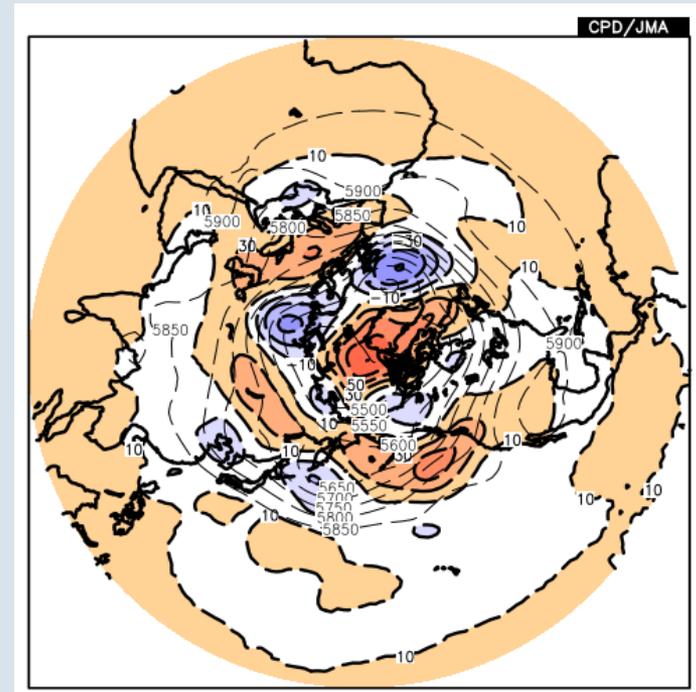


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Latitude-Longitude Map



Polar Stereographic Map

TCC News

TCC issues a quarterly newsletter TCC News in February, May, August and November containing articles on the latest climate information (significant climate events, seasonal outlook.....), introduction of TCC's new products and relevant activities.



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Summer 2015

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Sea Ice in the Sea of Okhotsk in the 2014/2015 Winter Season

The maximum sea ice extent in the Sea of Okhotsk for the winter 2014/2015 was the smallest since 1970/1971.

The maximum sea ice extent in the Sea of Okhotsk from February to March 2015 was the smallest since winter 1970/1971 (Figure 1). The seasonal maximum of $0.67 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$ (less than the normal of $1.17 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$ based on the 30-year average from 1980/1981 to 2009/2010) was reached on 28 February (Figures 1 and 2). This was the smallest extent since 1970/1971, and was much smaller than the same period's second-smallest value of $0.86 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$ recorded in 1983/1984. Figure 3 shows the overall trend of maximum sea ice extent from 1971 to 2015. Although values for the Sea of Okhotsk show large interannual variations, there is a long-term downward trend of $0.071 [0.036 - 0.107] \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$ per decade (the numbers in square brackets indicate the two-sided 95% confidence interval), which equates to a loss of 4.5 [2.3 - 6.8]% per decade.

(Kaori Hamada, Office of Marine Prediction)

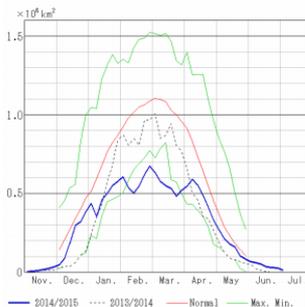


Figure 1 Seasonal variation of sea ice extent at five-day intervals in the Sea of Okhotsk from November 2014 to July 2015. The normal is the 30-year average from 1980/1981 to 2009/2010.



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41st issue of the TCC News (Japan Meteorological Agency)

News from Members

11 August 2015

The Tokyo Climate Center (TCC) of the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) has released the 41st issue of the TCC News on the TCC website.

This issue covers:

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Monthly discussion on Seasonal Climate Outlooks

Monthly Discussion on Seasonal Climate Outlooks (No. 20)

(23 October 2015)

Tokyo Climate Center (TCC)
Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)

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4. Cold Season Predictions (Dec. 2015 – Feb. 2016) <Slides 22 – 28>
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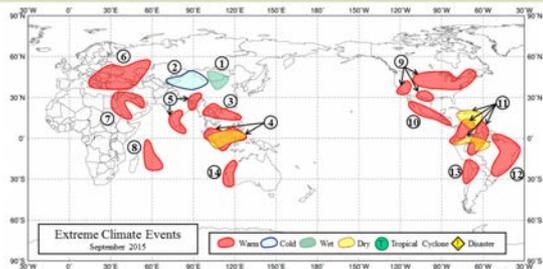
- The present monthly discussion is intended to assist National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in WMO RA II (Asia) in interpreting GPC Tokyo's seasonal prediction products. It does not constitute an official forecast for any nation. Seasonal outlooks for individual countries should be obtained from the relevant NMHS.
- Seasonal predictions are based on a JMA's Seasonal Ensemble Prediction System (EPS), which is based on the coupled atmosphere-ocean general circulation model (CGCM).
- JMA provides three-month prediction products around the 20th of every month with warm-season (Jun. – Aug.) prediction products in February, March and April, and with cold-season (Dec. – Feb.) prediction products in September and October.

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Monthly discussion on Seasonal Climate Outlooks Latest State of the Climate System

<September 2015> Extreme Climate Events

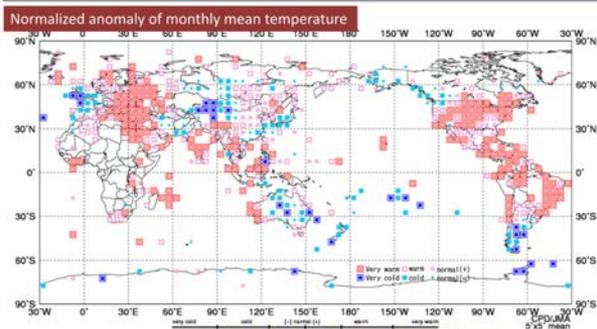


1. Heavy precipitation from central Mongolia to northern China
2. Low temperature from northwestern China to the eastern part of Central Asia
3. High temperature from the northern Philippines to the northern Indochina Peninsula
4. High temperature and light precipitation in and around western Indonesia
5. High temperature from southwestern China to northeastern India and from southern India to Sri Lanka
6. High temperature from southwestern Russia to southeastern Europe
7. High temperature around the Persian Gulf and around the Red Sea
8. High temperature from Seychelles to Mauritius
9. High temperature in the northern and southwestern USA
10. High temperature in and around southern Mexico
11. High temperature and light precipitation around the eastern Caribbean Sea and in the northern part of South America
12. High temperature in eastern Brazil
13. High temperature in and around northern Chile
14. High temperature in western Australia

<Monthly Climate in the World> <http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/toc/products/climate/monthly.html>

<September 2015> Temperature

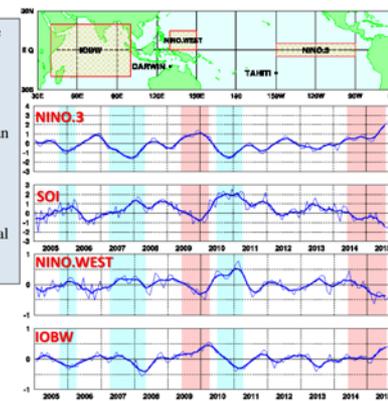
- Temperatures were well above normal in many parts of the world including eastern Europe to western Russia, South Asia to Southeast Asia, the USA, Central America and northern South America.
- Temperatures were below normal in western Europe, northwestern China and southern Argentina.



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ENSO Monitoring Indices

- El Niño conditions continue in the equatorial Pacific.
- In September 2015, the index for NINO.3 was above normal at +2.6°C. The indices for NINO.WEST and the Indian Ocean Basin Wide (IOBW) were below and above normal, respectively.
- The Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) was negative at -1.6, consistent with weaker than normal trade winds.



Monthly values (thin lines) and five-month running means (thick lines). The shading indicates El Niño (red) and La Niña (blue) events.

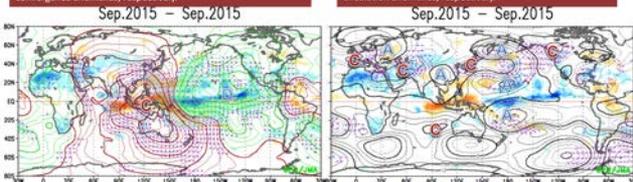
< El Niño Monitoring and Outlook >

<September 2015> Upper-level Circulation

- Convective activity (inferred from OLR) was enhanced across the equatorial central to eastern Pacific, and was suppressed over the equatorial eastern Indian Ocean to the Maritime Continent.
- In the 200 hPa stream function field, equatorial symmetric anticyclonic circulation anomalies were noticeable in the Pacific. A wave train pattern was seen across Eurasia, with anticyclonic anomalies centered over southern China and cyclonic anomalies over the Sea of Japan.

Monthly average 200 hPa velocity potential, divergent wind vector, and outgoing longwave radiation (OLR) anomalies
Vector: divergent wind vector anomalies (m/s)
Shading: OLR anomalies (W/m²)
D and C indicate the centers of large-scale divergence and convergence anomalies, respectively

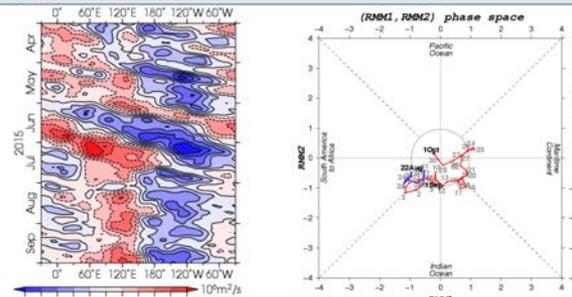
Monthly average 200 hPa stream function & OLR anomalies
Contour: stream function anomalies (10⁶ m²/s)
Vector: wave activity flux (m²/s²)
Shading: OLR anomalies (W/m²)
A and C indicate the centers of anti-cyclonic and cyclonic circulation anomalies, respectively



<Animation Maps (Global Area)> http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/toc/products/clisys/anim/anim_ip.html

Equatorial Intraseasonal Oscillation

- Throughout September, the active phase of the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) remained barely identifiable and the pattern of convective activity enhanced over the central to eastern Pacific and suppressed over the Indian Ocean to the Maritime Continent was sustained.

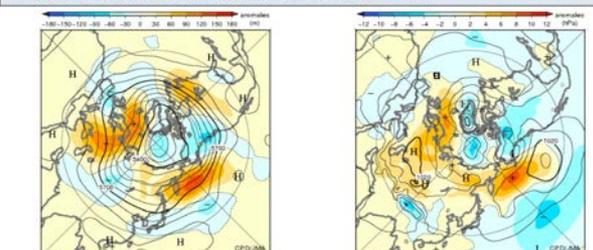


Time-longitude cross section of seven-day running mean 200 hPa velocity potential anomalies (5°S - 5°N)

<MJO> http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/toc/products/clisys/mjo/moni_mjo.html

<September 2015> Northern Hemisphere Circulation

- In the 500-hPa height field, positive anomalies were centered over eastern Europe to western Russia, the Bering Sea and eastern Canada. Negative anomalies were seen in western Europe, western Siberia, Japan and northwestern North America.
- In the sea level pressure field, positive anomalies were seen across northern Eurasia, and negative anomalies were seen over northwestern North America.



Monthly mean 500 hPa geopotential height
Contour: geopotential height
Shading: geopotential height anomalies

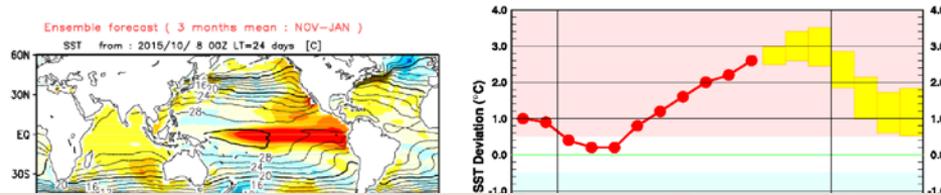
Monthly mean sea level pressure (SLP)
Contour: SLP
Shading: SLP anomalies

<Monthly mean Maps (N.H.)> http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/toc/products/clisys/figures/db_hst_mon_tcc.html

Monthly discussion on Seasonal Climate Outlooks Predictions

<NDJ 2015/16> Sea Surface Temperature (SST)

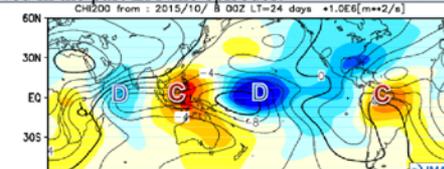
- It is likely that El Niño conditions will continue until the Northern Hemisphere spring.
- It is likely that the NINO.WEST SST will be roughly below normal until the Northern Hemisphere spring.
- It is likely that the IOBW SST will be above normal until the Northern Hemisphere spring.



< NDJ 2015/16 > Global Circulation

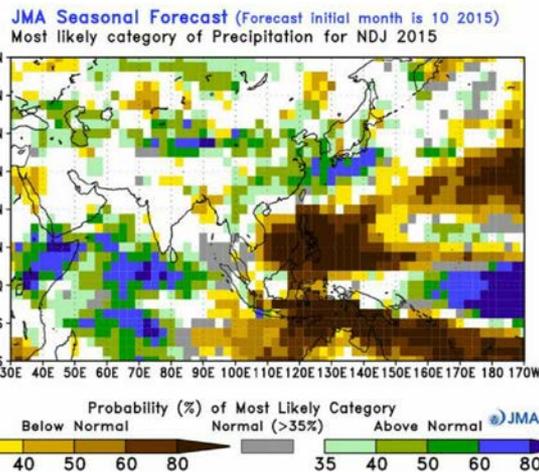
- In the 200 hPa velocity potential field, negative (large-scale divergence) anomalies over the central to eastern Pacific and positive (large-scale convergence) anomalies over the Maritime Continent are predicted.
- In the 200 hPa stream function field, anticyclonic circulation anomalies extending across the central to eastern Pacific straddling the equator are predicted. Cyclonic anomalies are predicted over and to the east of southern China, indicating that the subtropical jet stream will be displaced southward of its normal position over East Asia.
- These circulation patterns are similar to those observed in the past El Niño episodes.

200 hPa velocity potential ($10^6 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$)
Contour: three-month average
Shading: anomalies



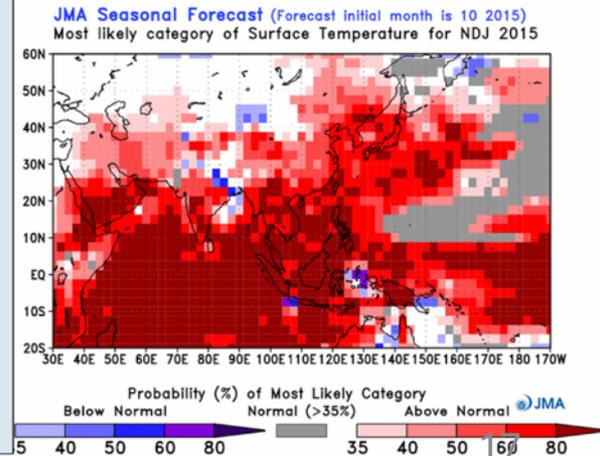
<NDJ 2015/16> Probability Forecasts (precipitation)

- A high probability of above normal precipitation is predicted for the equatorial western Indian Ocean and the equatorial central Pacific.
- A high probability of below normal precipitation is predicted for the eastern part of the Maritime Continent.
- A slightly high probability of above normal precipitation is predicted to the south of Japan.



<NDJ 2015/16> Probability Forecasts (temperature)

- A high probability of above normal temperatures is predicted for a wide swath of areas from South Asia to Southeast Asia.
- A slightly high probability of above normal temperatures is predicted for East Asia.
- Note that a slightly high probability of below normal temperatures extending to the west and south of New Guinea should be viewed with *low confidence* because of limited model skill at predicting (boreal) cold season temperatures for these regions.



TCC Annual Training Seminar

As part of TCC's capacity-building activity in its role as RCC, TCC holds annual training seminars on the application of its climate monitoring and prediction products.

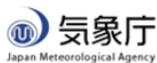
Each seminar deals with a different theme depending on TCC's progress in climate and analysis capabilities, such as the introduction of upgraded climate models.

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2008	Climate Information and Forecasting	13
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What are WMO RCCs?

WMO Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) are centres of excellence that create regional products including long-range forecasts that support regional and national climate activities, and thereby strengthen the capacity of WMO Members in a given region to deliver better climate services to national users.

RCC Functions

WMO RCCs perform the following set of mandatory functions covering the domains of long-range forecasting (LRF), climate monitoring, data services and training.

Operational Activities for Long-range Forecasting

Operational Activities for Climate Monitoring

Operational Data Services, to support operational LRF and climate monitoring

Training in the use of operational RCC products and services

Main Products

ClimatView



GPC Tokyo (a Global Producing Center for

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Monthly Highlights on

What's New



15 October 2015 **NEW**

- Updated Information: Climate System Monitoring
 - Monthly Highlights on Climate System (September 2015, PDF, 0.93MB)
 - Monthly Report (September 2015)

15 October 2015 **NEW**

- Updated Information: World Climate
 - Monthly Report (September 2015)

14 October 2015 **NEW**

- Updated Information: Global Average Surface Temperature Anomalies
 - Monthly Anomalies (September 2015)

9 October 2015 **NEW**

- Updated Information: El Niño Outlook (October 2015 – April 2016)

9 October 2015 **NEW**

- Updated Information: Climate in Japan
 - Monthly Report (September 2015)

30 September 2015 **NEW**

- Climate Change Monitoring Report for 2014(PDF, 4.9MB)

25 September 2015 **NEW**

- Monthly Discussion on Seasonal Climate Outlooks

4 August 2015 **NEW**

- TCC News No. 41 (Summer 2015: PDF)
 - Sea Ice in the Sea of Okhotsk in the 2014/2015 Winter Season
 - Summary of Kosa (Aeolian dust) Events over Japan in 2015
 - TCC contribution to Regional Climate Outlook Forum in Asia

Links

Japan Meteorological Agency

- General Information on Climate of Japan
- Japanese 55-year Reanalysis (JRA-55)
- Climate Risk Management **NEW**
- Monthly Climate Statistics for Japan
- Tokyo Global Information System Centre (GISC Tokyo)
- World Data Center for Greenhouse Gases (WDCGG)
- Satellite Imagery of HIMAWARI-8
- RSMC Tokyo - Typhoon Center
- Meteorological Research Institute, JMA
- Meteorological Satellite Center, JMA

WMO RA II Pilot Project

- Pilot Project on Information Sharing on Climate Services

Regional Climate Centers

- RA II Regional Climate Center (RCC) Network Homepage
- Beijing Climate Center
- North Eurasian Climate Center (NEACC)
- WMO RA VI RCC-Network

Regional Climate Outlook Forum (RCOF)

- Forum on Regional Climate Monitoring-Assessment-Prediction for Asia (FOCRAII)
- East Asia winter Climate Outlook Forum (EASCOF) **NEW**
- South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF)
- ASEAN Climate Outlook Forum (ASEANCOF)