Dear Sir/Madam,

I have pleasure to inform you that the People's Republic of China will host an International Training Course on the Application of Meteorological Satellite Products, from 20 June to 1 July 2016, at the China Meteorological Administration Training Centre (CMATC), Beijing Component of the WMO RTC in China.

The course is designed to help trainees to learn how to apply meteorological satellite data and products in supporting weather forecasting, environmental monitoring and carrying out research. In addition to reinforcing the basic theory and practice, participants will also learn of the latest developments in the application of meteorological satellite data and products. The course will be conducted in English. Please find attached the Enrolment Information (Annex 1) for detailed information on this course.

Interested candidates are requested to complete the attached Application Form (Annex 2), which should be endorsed by the Permanent Representative of their respective country with WMO, and sent directly to the CMATC, preferably by e-mail to intcmatc@cma.gov.cn as soon as possible but not later than 20 May 2016.

Yours faithfully,

(E. Manaenkov) for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6897)

CC: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON THE APPLICATION OF METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PRODUCTS
20 June to 1 July 2016, Beijing, China

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

The International Training Course on the Application of Meteorological Satellite Products is organized by the Beijing Component of the WMO Regional Training Centre in China, sponsored by China Meteorological Administration (CMA).

Courses Aim

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Expected Learning Outcomes

After the courses, participants will be able to:

(1) Apply the basic theory and principles of radiative transfer to the interpretation of meteorological satellite imagery and products;
(2) Access, select, display and manipulate satellite data;
(3) Carry out weather analysis, forecasting and monitoring by using meteorological satellite imagery and data.

Target Audience

Meteorologists in meteorological departments engaged in satellite meteorology, especially those from developing countries.

Course Content

The course contents include:

(1) General introduction to Fengyun satellites and their application;
(2) Brief introduction of satellite meteorology, the content and characteristics of satellite observation, the latest development in the application of meteorological satellite products;
(3) Satellite data reception and handling;
(4) Weather analysis and forecasting;
(5) Cloud motion wind product;
(6) User-oriented satellite application platform: Satellite Weather Application Platform (SWAP) and Satellite Monitoring Analysis Remote-sensing Toolkit (SMART) which will cover laboratory practice for torrential rain and strong convective weather monitoring, wild fire monitoring, and drought monitoring;
(7) Introduction of VLab activities in China;
(8) Visits to CMA operational centres;
(9) Participant forum about their respective satellite meteorology.

Course Format

The format includes lectures, practical session, group discussion, study tour and participant presentation.
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Student Assessment

(1) An observation will be made by the training course organizer at RTC-Beijing China and lectures for participants’ attendance and performance at the lectures and other learning activities of the training course;
(2) Each participant is required to make a presentation with PPT concerning satellite meteorology in their country;
(3) Each participant is required to submit a conclusion report on the training, at least one page and no less than 800 words, to examine their understanding and acceptance of the knowledge transferred;
(4) The instructors will assess participants’ performance in practical sessions.

Instructors

Senior experts in relation to the satellite meteorology from CMA, China National Satellite Meteorological Centre (NSMC) and CMA Training Centre etc.

Language Used

The course will be conducted in English.

Participant Qualifications for Admission

Participants are required:

(1) To be specialized in satellite meteorology with a minimum of one year’s professional experience;
(2) To be in good physical health with no infectious diseases. Physically fit to fulfill all course activities; candidates with limited physical mobility will not be accepted;
(3) To be proficient in English;
(4) To prepare a report on the use of satellite meteorology of the participants’ service and a brief introduction of the participant’s professional experiences for the purpose of exchanges;
(5) Not to bring family members to the training course; if bringing a family member, the participant has to pay extra expense;
(6) To observe all the laws, rules and regulations of People’s Republic of China and respect the Chinese customs during the training period.

Application and Selection Process

(1) The applicants must be meteorologists who are working as operational forecasters or in the field of climate service and other related field from Meteorological and Hydrological Services of developing countries. The nominated candidates are requested to submit the Application Forms and Passport Copy (necessary) together with evidence of English proficiency (if there is) to Beijing Component of RTC in China for examination and endorsement;
(2) Application shall be submitted and reach RTC-Beijing no later than 20 May 2016;
(3) Admission Notices will be issued to the accepted participants by e-mail by the RTC-Beijing. With the Admission Notices, the participants are requested to go through all the necessary formalities for entering China and bring all the documents (Admission Notices, Health Document, and Application Forms) to RTC-Beijing on the registration date of 20 June 2016;
(4) Only accepted applicants that receive the Admission Notices endorsed by RTC-Beijing can participate in the training course.

Costs

(1) Tuition is free for all the accepted participants that receive the endorsed Admission Notices by RTC-Beijing China;
(2) RTC-Beijing will provide local support to the accepted participant from developing countries, including accommodation, meals, and pocket money (50 Yuan RMB per day, 600 Yuan RMB in total). Normally one application from each Developing Country or two applications from each Least Developed Country are endorsed by the WMO RTC-Beijing China for the local support;

(3) Other accepted applications or their respective governments need to cover their accommodation and meals during the training period;

(4) The international travel costs including round trip tickets, transit fares and subsistence allowance during the travel are to be covered by the participants or their employers;

(5) The expenses of visa, medical care, insurances and domestic salaries for the participants should be borne by the participants;

(6) It should be taken into account when booking the flight tickets that the scholarship covers exclusively from 20 June to 1 July 2016. Any liability or expense out of this period shall be entirely at the expense of the participants;

(7) The organizer of the Training Course on the Application of Meteorological Satellite Products does not hold any responsibility for such risks as loss of life, accidents, illness, and loss of property incurred during the whole period of participation in the training course.

Deadline for Application

The application with a passport copy should be sent to WMO RTC-Beijing China no later than 20 May 2016.

Attn:
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(Beijing, China, 20 June to 1 July 2016)

Note: Please complete the form in typed capital letters and get it scanned in PDF version. Send to the WMO RTC-Beijing China by e-mail (intcmatc@cma.gov.cn) as soon as possible and in any case no later than 20 May 2016.

I. Personal Data

1. Surname ____________________________________________
   Given Name ________________________________________
2. Gender _____________________________________________
3. Date of Birth ________________________________________
4. Place of Birth ________________________________________
5. Passport Number _____________________________________
6. Nationality __________________________________________
7. Marital Status _________________________________________
8. Health Condition ______________________________________
9. History of infectious disease: □ No □ Yes
   ______________________________________________________
   (Please specify if yes)
10. Address: ____________________________________________
    Mobile phone: ________________________________
    Telephone ________________________________
    Fax ________________________
    E-mail Address: __________________________@________________________
11. Permanent Address: __________________________________
    __________________________________________________
12. Contact person in emergency
    Name: ________________________________
    Address: ________________________________
    Mobile phone: ________________________________
    Telephone ________________________________
    Fax ________________________
    E-mail Address: __________________________@________________________
13. Statement of present work
    Name of institution ________________________________
    Position held ______________________________________
    Brief description of duties:
    __________________________________________________
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14. Previous employment history
    Date __ __ __ Institution __ __ __ Position and Duties
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15. Educational and/or professional qualification

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16. Language Proficiency

Mother Tongue ________________________

English Proficiency (Please tick):

- Reading: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. poor
- Listening: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. poor
- Speaking: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. poor
- Writing: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. poor

17. State why you wish to attend the course and indicate the practical use of the course to your work in the future.

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II. Financial Support

Do you need local support from CMA if you are a participant from developing countries?

Yes □ No □

If you require travel support, to whom do you intend to apply?

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III. International Insurance

I fully understand that the course organizer does not take any responsibility for risks such as loss of life, accidents, illness, loss of property etc.

IV. Personal Statement

I hereby declare that the information given above is true, correct and complete. I shall bear the responsibility for the above information.

I pledge to observe all the Chinese laws and will respect the local customs and follow the course regulations during my stay in China for the training course.

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Date                      Signature of Applicant
V. Endorsement of the Nominator

1. Name of Organization  ____________________________________________

2. Name and Signature of the Permanent Representative of WMO in your country:

   Name  ___________________________________________________________
   Signature _______________________________________________________
   Official Seal _____________________________________________________
   Date   __________________________________________________________

VI. Contact Details

Contact Person : Ms. WANG Tingbo, Training Organizer
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