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**Subject: Initiation of the demonstration phase by Southeast Asian Regional Climate Centre Network**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Southeast Asian Regional Climate Centre Network (SEA RCC-Network) initiated the demonstration phase since 7 November 2017 under the coordination of Meteorological Service of Singapore (MSS) and contribution of the National Meteorological Services of Philippines (PAGASA) and Indonesia (BMKG) in accordance with the Resolution 5 (RA V-16) – Implementation of Regional Climate Centre Networks in Regional Association V (South-west Pacific). The official website of the SEA RCC-Network with links to the individual node pages can be accessed at <http://ccrs.weather.gov.sg/sea-rcc-network>.

The SEA RCC-Network will provide its products and services to the countries of Southeast Asia through proposed structure consisting of the following three nodes:

*Node on Long-Range Forecasting:*

MSS/Singapore (Lead), PAGASA/Philippines (consortium member)

*Node on Climate Monitoring:*

PAGASA/Philippines (Lead), BMKG/Indonesia (consortium member), MSS/Singapore (consortium member)

*Node on Operational Data Services:*

BMKG/Indonesia (Lead)

*Training Function:*

Will be distributed between these three nodes.

In this context, I would like to draw your attention to Decision 11 (RA II-16) – Implementation and Coordination of Regional Climate Centre Operations in Regional Association II, through which, inter alia, RA II had decided to support the development and implementation of an RCC-Network for Southeast Asia in close collaboration with RA V. Keeping this in view, I would encourage Members of RA II in Southeast Asia also to actively collaborate with the SEA RCC-Network and work towards suitable formal arrangements in due course.

To: Permanent Representatives of ASEAN Member countries

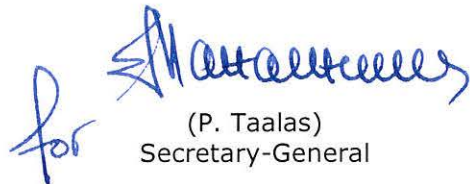
cc: Presidents of RA II, RA V, CCL and CBS

Performing a successful demonstration phase is an important step for the formal designation of WMO RCCs/RCC-Networks. During the demonstration phase the SEA RCC-Network partners are committed to work closely to refine their products and services. In this process they will work closely with the Commission for Climatology (CCI) and the Regional Association V (RA V) Working Group on Climate Services, which is mandated to assist the President of RA V on matters related to RCC implementation.

I would like to invite National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of the ASEAN Member countries to (i) fully exploit products and services of the SEA RCC-Network in order to provide improved climate services at the national level, (ii) actively support the generation of RCC products and services by sharing national data, products and expertise and (iii) provide feedback in order to help further refine its products and services.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,

  
(P. Taalas)  
Secretary-General