National Emergency Management of Meteorological Disasters

—Towards Improving the Effectiveness of Meteorological Disaster Prevention and Mitigation

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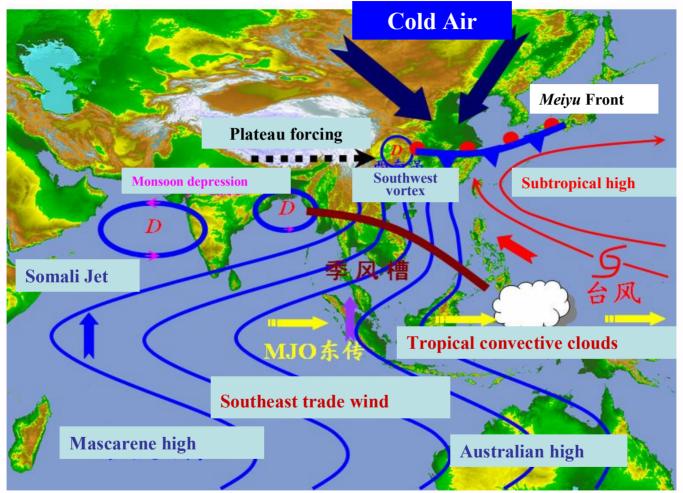
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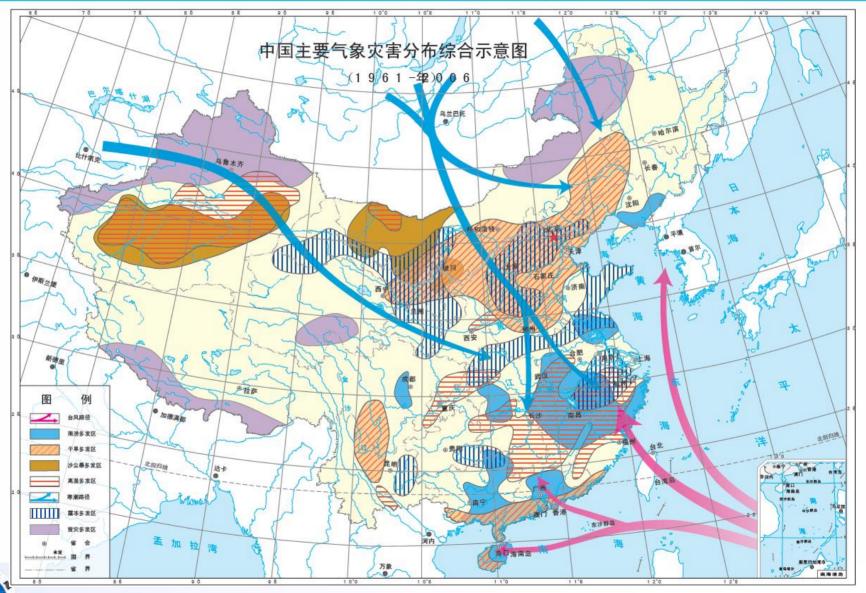
- I. Situations: Meteorological Disasters
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I. Meteorological Disasters _Climate Background



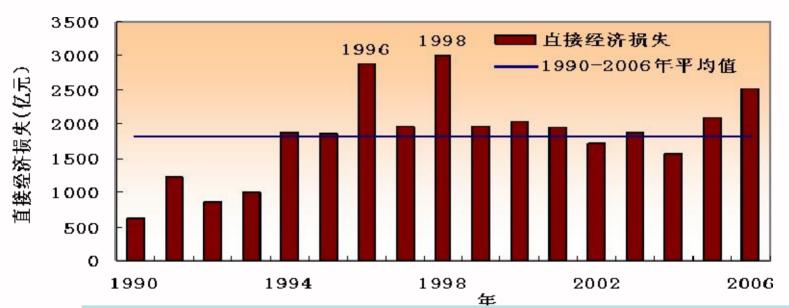
Meteorological Disasters in China, in terms of Frequency, Variety and Severity.

The Distribution of Meteorological Disasters in China



Features 1: Severity

The Economic Losses Caused by Meteorological Disasters



Averagely Losses per year: 250 billion RMB

Averagely Death per year: 4427 death

Meteorological Disaster: 70% of Natural Disasters

Losses: 1%-3% of GDP



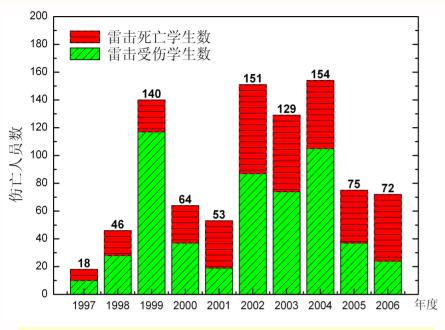
Features 2: Un-expectancy

Sudden Severe Weather Occurs Frequently



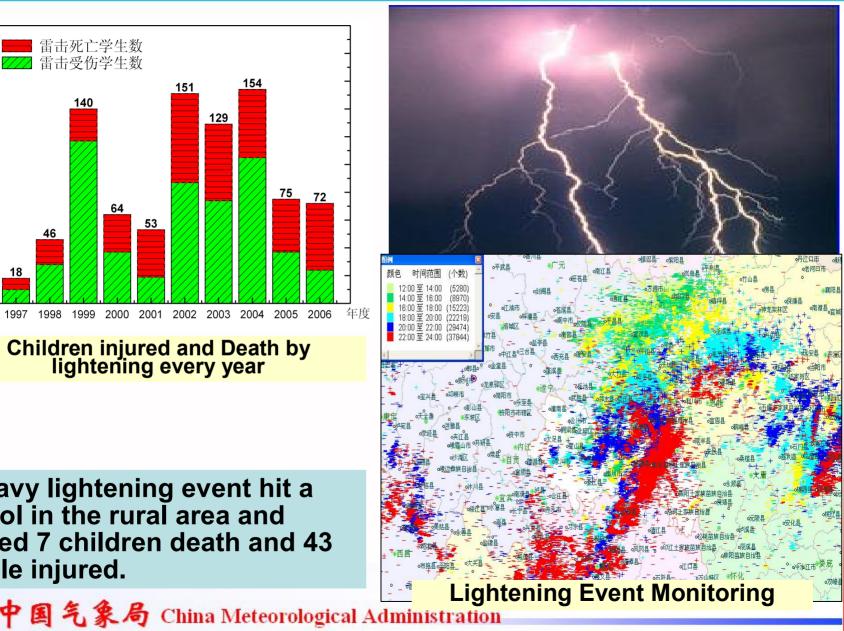
An Extreme Rain Storm in Jinan, Capital of Shandong Provence Hourly Maximum Rainfall 151 mm
Caused 37 Deaths

Lightening Event

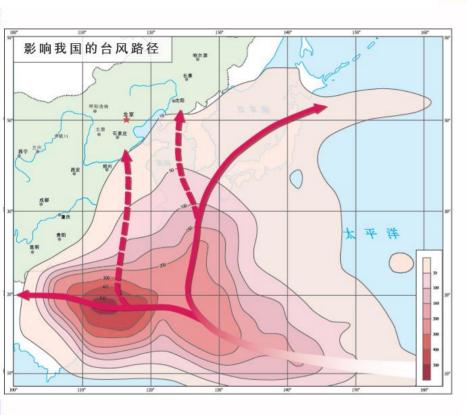


Children injured and Death by lightening every year

A heavy lightening event hit a school in the rural area and caused 7 children death and 43 people injured.



Features 3: Abnormality

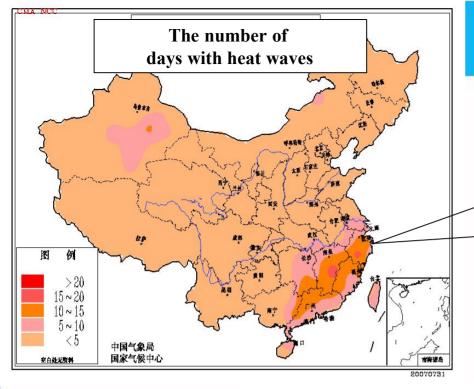


历年值 ——平均值

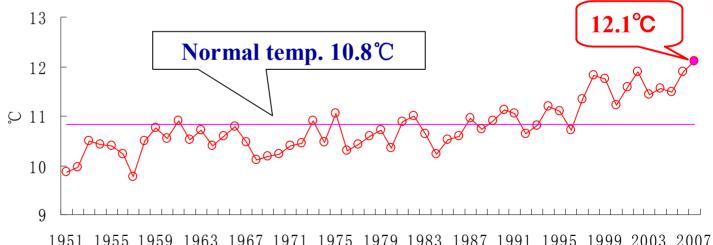
Major typhoon tracks for China

Number of strong TC landing in China during 1961-2006

Typhoons with abnormal tracks increase, and extreme weather & climate events increase.

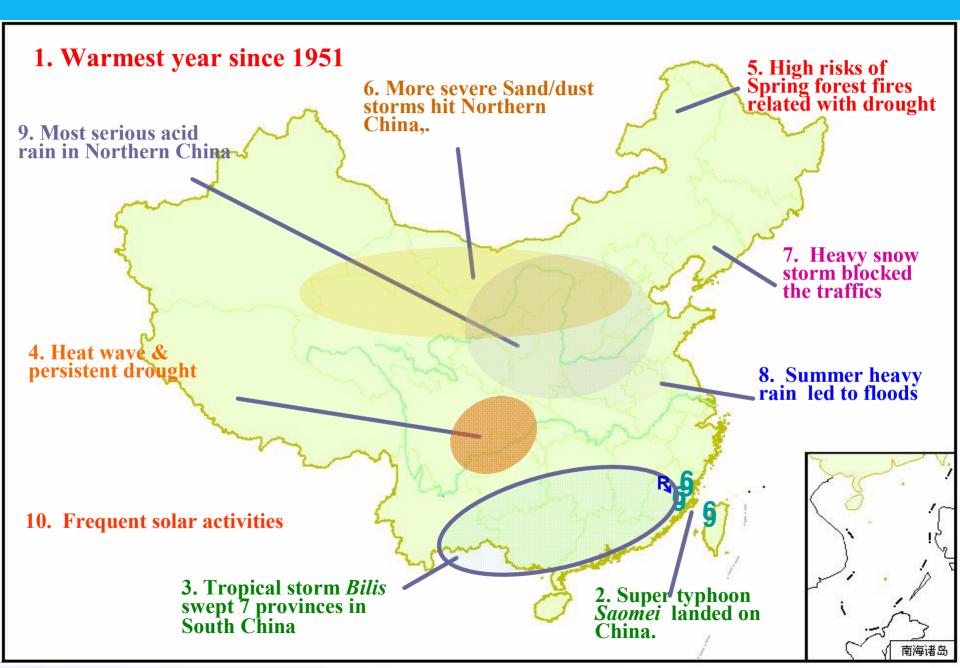


the total number of days with high temperature (heat waves) broke the historical records



Monthly mean temperature variations in China

Extreme Weather & Climate Events in China (2006)



Huge Impacts of Meteorological Disasters on Society

Serious Impacts on:
Agriculture,
Industries,
Human health and daily activities



—— How to keep our society in safety and security

II. Towards the Meteorological Disasters Emergency Management

Why do We Need Emergency Management?

Forecasting and Warnings **7**



Safety and Security

Key Point: Actions for Prevention and Mitigation

Government: Awareness of the urgency from two big events A National Plan for Emergent Response was Set Up in 2005

The 911 Event in USA

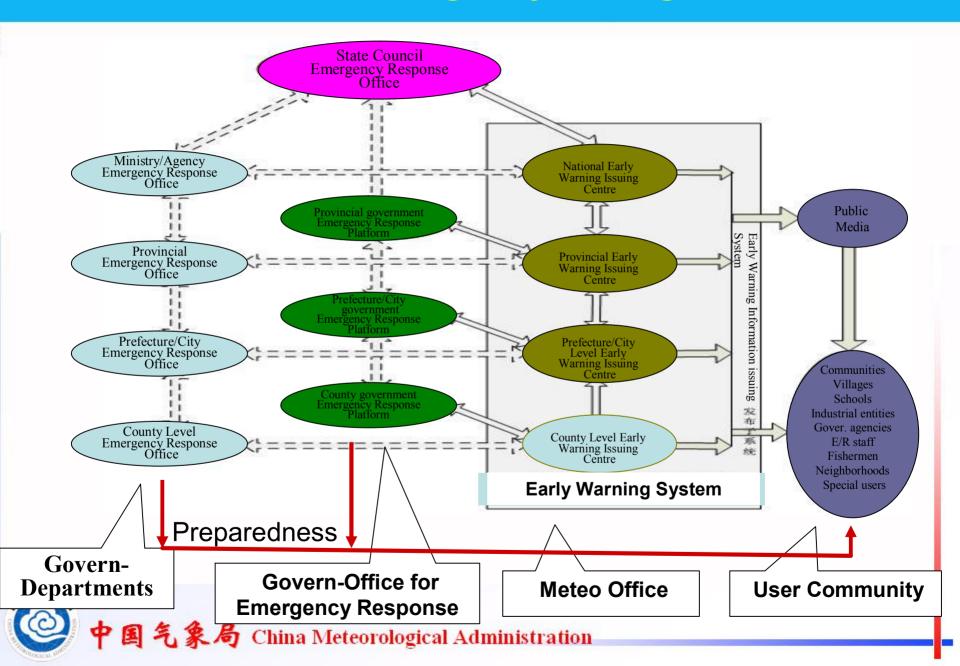


SARS Event in 2003





Structure of Emergency Management



Emergency Management Information Platform



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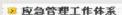
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- 组织机构体系
- > 法规预案体系
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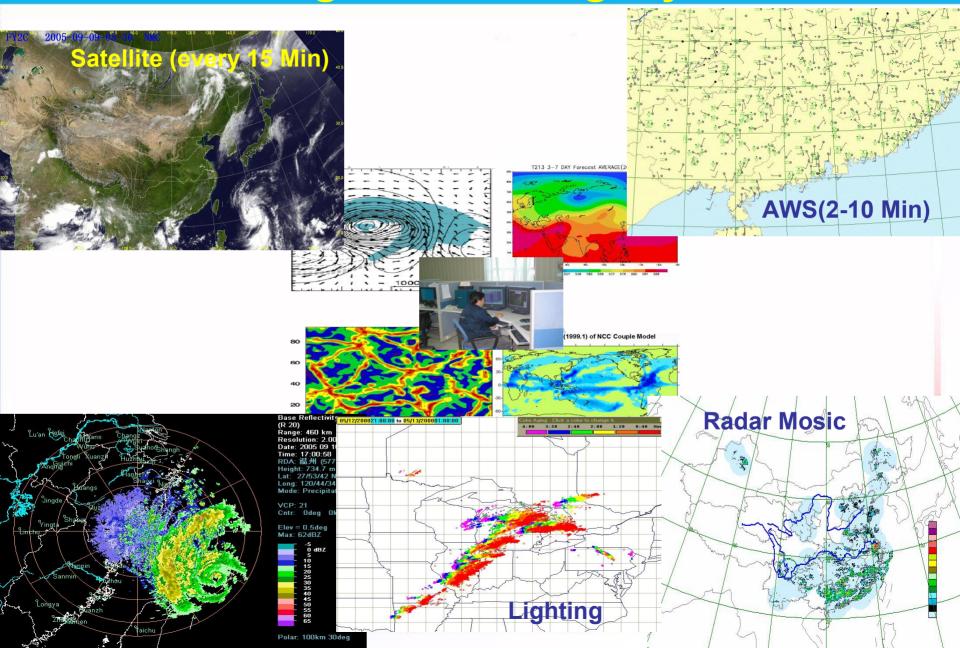


Mechanism Building

Key Points:

- Warning Information
 - Efficient Monitoring and Warning on Severe Weather
 - Information Dissemination System
- Collaboration Mechanism
 - Government Agencies Working together
 - Information Exchanging
 - Emergency Response Actions

Monitoring and Warning System



Early Warning Signals

- 'Meteorological Disaster Early Warning Signals And Guidance for Preparedness' was issued in August 2004
- Four categories of Signals: Blue, Yellow, Orange and Red
- Guidance for preparedness was included









Typhoon, Torrential Rain, Thunderstorm.....,

11 categories in total



Warning Information Delivery

- Multi-Channels of Warning Information
 Deliveries
 - Television
 - Telephone
 - Cell Phone
 - Radio
 - Internet
 - Newspaper
 - Electronic billboards



Over 1 billion people/times receive weather forecast and warning information every day.





Wide Coverage of Weather Information

- **♦** Weather TV programs
- 100 daily programs on 7 channels of the National CCTV
- Nearly 4,000 daily programs are shown on the 76 provincial TV channels, 360 city TV channels and 1,800 county TV channels.
- China Weather Channel is broadcasting weather information 24 hours plus 7 days.
- All the TV stations are request to broadcast warning information in time.

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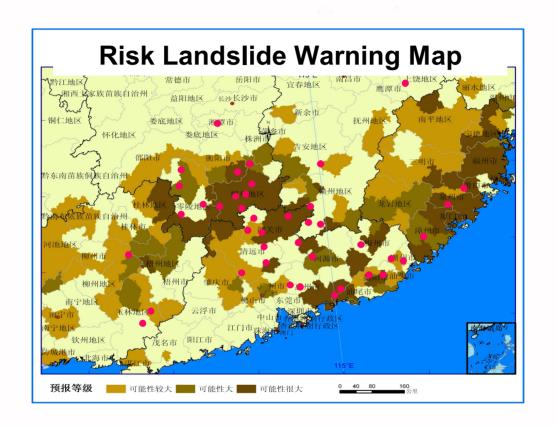
- **◆** Cell phone text message
- A nationwide SMS platform
- The SMS on warning information was sent to the those people who work for emergency response, totally 620,000 both in national and local agencies;
- SMS on severe weather warnings will sent to 83 millions mobile phone users.
- Example: 83.352 millions of SMS on typhoon warning were sent to people in the influenced area
 - ----A very efficient way for the emergency response

Collaborations on Emergency Response

Collaboration with Government Agencies

- Working together with 54 Government agencies in National Level
- Team: 500 persons in national level
- Same Mechanism in Provinces, Cities and Counties
- Warnings and Actions
 - Working together to issue warning of disaster risks
 - Organizing the prevention actions

Collaboration with National Resource Ministry



Issuing the risk of landslide warning and the response action will be taken

Collaboration with National Forest Ministry



Issuing the risk of forest fire warning together



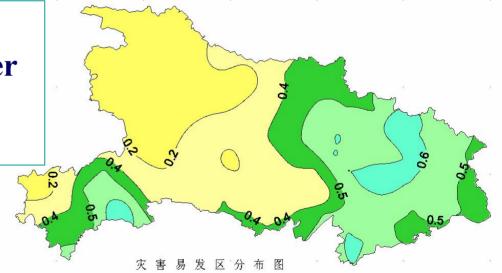
Awareness of Disasters Risk

Disasters Risk Map:

A guidance to the disaster prevention and mitigation.

Factors of Disaster Risk

- Frequency of Severe Weather
- Geographic Information
- Population Density

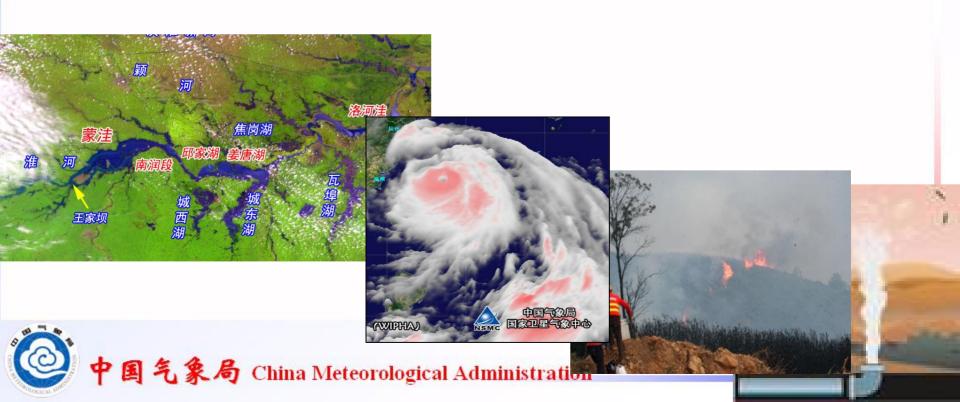


Flooding Risk Map in *Hubei* Province

III. Cases of Emergency Response and the Effectiveness

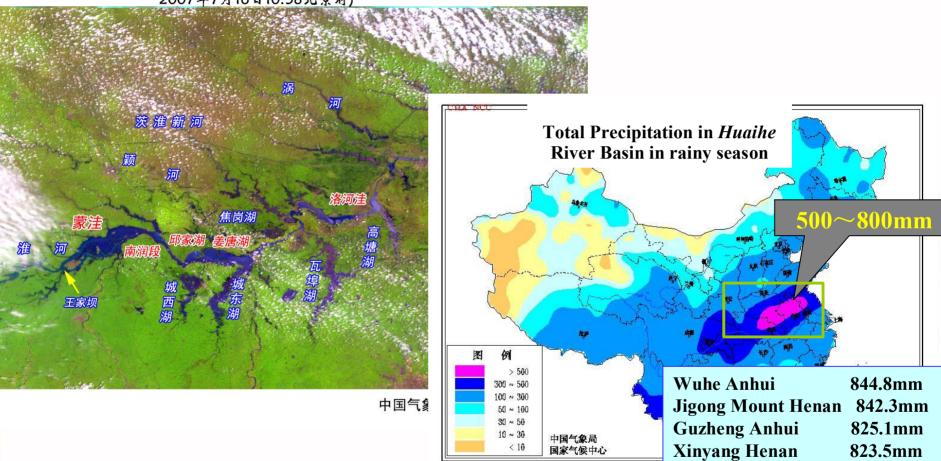
Meteorological Disasters Emergency Response:

- Regional Heavy Rainfall and Flooding
- > Typhoon Landing
- Drought and Forest Fire



Case 1: Heavy Rainfall and Flooding in Huaihe River Basin





Continuous heavy rainfall leads a quickly rise of water level. A serious situation of flood diversion was faced

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Flooding Emergency Response





- Flooding Forecast focus on the vital area with detail information
- Working closely together with decision-makers



The Vital Area

Effectiveness in Prevention and Mitigation

- The flooding covered three provinces ,where a total of 29 millions people and 3 million hectares of cropland were affected
- 10 flood zones including detentions and storages have been opened for diversion.
- More than million of people were evacuated to the safe area
- All the actions were taken depending on the flooding forecast

Not A Single Death!
Thanks to the Meteorological Emergency Response

Case 2: Typhoon Emergency Response

- Super Typhoon with the intensity of 55.3 m/s (Grade 16)
- Torrential rain with a total rainfall of 531 mm
- Risk of flooding, wind destroy, landslide etc.
- High life loss risk in the very high population area

Actual Pathway of *Wipha* (16-20 September 2007)





Emergency Response Actions

For Meteorological Section

- Early warning issued 3 days ahead
- Enhance the monitoring: positing typhoon every hours, forecasting the movement every three hours.
- Working face to face with government, Decision-Makers and keep them with fresh information and warnings
- Closely contact with the media to deliver the fresh information to public

----83millions SMS were sent to users

For the local government

- Issue the typhoon emergency response order
- To organize the people evacuating from the risk area according to the Typhoon landing warning
 - ---- Totally 2.5 millions people were evacuated from the risk area



Effectiveness in Prevention and Mitigation

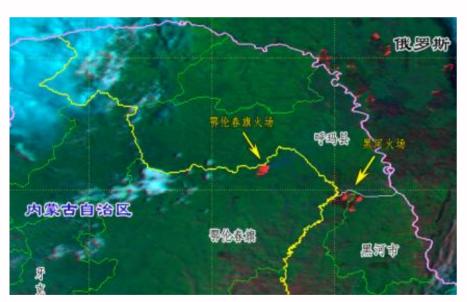
The dearth was the least among the top list of most intensive typhoon

Intensity	No & name	Date	Location	Scale &speed	Central pressure	Direct losses (100 million)	Deaths
1	0608	10.8.2006	Zhejiang	!7, 60 m/s	920	196. 6	483
	Saomai		Cang'nan				
2	5612	1.8.1956	Zhejiang	16, 55 m/s	923	Not available	Over
	wanda		Xiangshan				5000
3	0515	11.9.2005	Zhejiang	15, 50 m/s	945	92. 5	16
	Khanun		Taizhou				
4	0713	19.9.2007	Zhejiang	14, 45 m/s	950	77. 92	7
	Wipha		Cang'nan				
4	0509	6.8.2005	Zhejiang	14, 45 m/s	950	180. 4	29
	Wipha		Yuhuan				
4	0414	8.12.2004	Zhejiang	14, 45 m/s	950	202. 95	184
	Rananim		Wenling				



Case 3: Forest Fire Emergency Response

21 May – 2 June 2006, forest fires occurring in *Heilongjiang* and Inner Mongolia because of drought climate



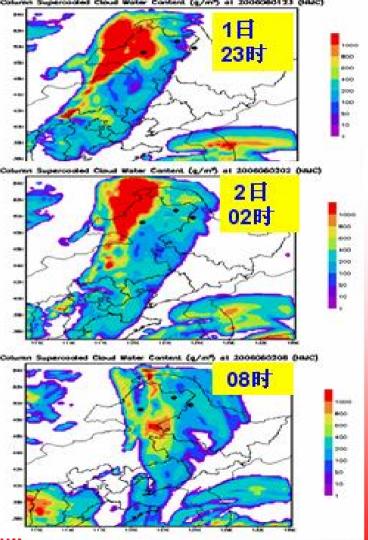


Emergency Response Actions

- Rain-making action was employed to control the forest fires
- Cloud conditions of model output were uses as a guidance to the Rain-Make actions



Mesoscale rain-making clouds Total supercooled cloud water column forecasting (g/m2)





Facing the Challenges

Emergency Meeting for Typhoon Landing Preparedness



▶ Challenges of Emergency Management

Better early warning ,quick information deliveries, well organized response actions,.....

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