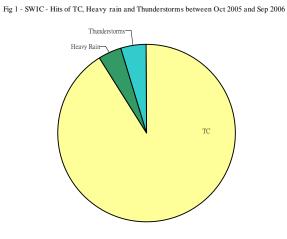
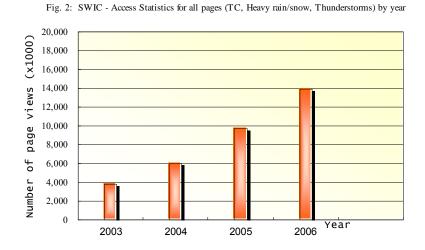
## SWIC – Access Statistics (January to December 2006)

1. Figure 1 shows that for the period January to December 2006, the access for TC information (89%) grossly outnumbers that of thunderstorm (7%) and heavy rain/snow (4%).



2. Figure 2 indicates that the number of visits to SWIC has continued to rise steadily from 3.8 million in 2003 to almost 14.0 million in 2006. This represents a growth rate of over 50% per annum during this 4-year period.



3. Figure 3 shows that access to the SWIC web site normally peaks during the northern hemisphere summer months. There was a sharp and rather unseasonal increase in May 2006 when Typhoon Chanchu entered the South China Sea.

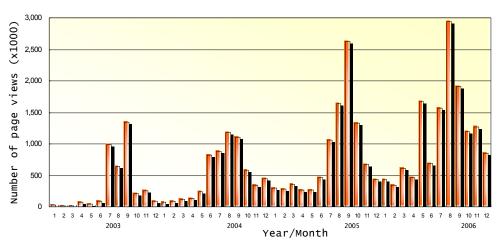


Fig 3: SWIC - Access Statistics for all pages (TC, Heavy rain/snow, Thunderstorms) by months

4. Figure 4 shows the top 5 most popular countries/territories to access SWIC. The hit rates of Hong Kong, Australia and USA head the rest of the world by a large margin.

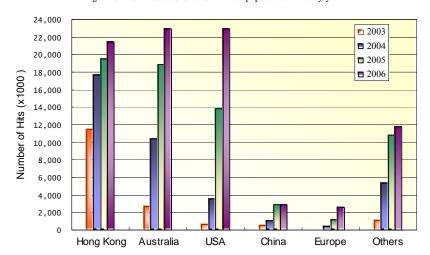


Fig 4: SWIC - Access Statistics for most popular countries by year

5. Figure 5 shows that while the local access to SWIC is maintained, SWIC has gained a strong foothold in both Australia and USA during the last 2 years.

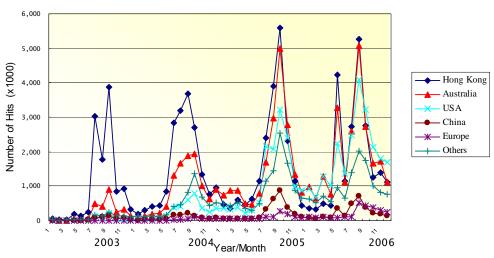


Fig 5: SWIC - Access Statistics for most popular countries by months

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