

STEPPING FORWARD TO THE 21ST CENTURY IN A SOLID FOUNDATION—IN CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ACTA METEOROLOGICA SINICA (AMS)

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How time flies! It has been the tenth anniversary since AMS started publishing in 1987. AMS (English edition) is an international academic journal in atmospheric sciences edited by the Chinese Meteorological Society. During this period, ten volumes of AMS (41 Nos., about 500 articles) were published, including three special issues: on climate, on atmospheric signals & remote sensing physics, and on tropical circulation & LFO. Most of these papers in AMS are from Chinese meteorologists. Our foreign colleagues are able to delve deeper into what is going on in the field of atmospheric sciences in China.

Now, we can say that the first goal of AMS is reached, i. e. AMS acts as a window through which foreign meteorologists could see the important findings and latest advances of atmospheric sciences in China.

In the ten years, AMS has also received great supports and contributions from foreign friends, especially from foreign members of AMS Editorial Committee. They recommended, submitted, and reviewed papers into AMS for publication and proposed suggestions and opinions for making AMS better.

Here I'd like to express my sincere thanks to those who made contributions to AMS. Due to these activities, the second goal of AMS is reached, i. e. AMS acts as a bridge whereby the cultivation of friendship, achievement of mutual understanding and promotion of academic exchange could be realized between meteorologists of China and other countries of the world.

The 20th century is about to end and the world pays close attention to the 21st century. The new century, as proposed by "Agenda 21" approved by the UN Conference on Environment and Development held in 1992, would be a highly intense time with contradiction of population, economy, environment and resources. Undoubtedly, atmospheric sciences closely related to these aspects would be facing various challenges.

In a word, AMS has already attained its two goals of publishing owing to efforts and contributions from vast numbers of readers, authors and editors in the past ten years. This has also laid a solid foundation for future development and improvement of AMS. I do hope the AMS will be able to occupy its own place in the international journals of meteorological sciences.