

A STARTING POINT

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Acta Meteorologica Sinica (AMS) is an academic quarterly journal sponsored by the Chinese Meteorological Society (CMS). Sixty-one years have elapsed since it started publication in Chinese in 1925. As a first-rate advanced academic journal, it has played an important role in meteorological circles and has continually given impetus to the advances of atmospheric sciences.

However, our foreign colleagues, because of language difficulty, are unable to delve deeper into what is going on in the field of atmospheric sciences in China, a field about which they are eager to learn more. As a matter of fact, they can only get sketchy information from few English abstracts available in AMS or in some international abstracting journals such as Meteorological and Geostrophysical Abstracts of USA. With this in mind, we have been expecting to proceed with the publication of English version of AMS for a long time. After lengthy and careful preparation, AMS in English has come to fruition today. I do hope this journal will be widely read and will meet general approval by our foreign colleagues.

As is known to all, atmospheric sciences are closely related to the production and livelihood of mankind. Nowadays, quite a number of subjects associated with atmospheric sciences, such as air pollution caused by ever-increasing industrialization, acid rain endangering ecological balance, and impacts of human activity on weather and climate, have drawn worldwide attention and concern. Research on all the subjects mentioned above badly needs broad international cooperation. For this purpose, let us join hands and make concerted efforts to create a beautiful environment, good for mankind to live in.

Untiring efforts have resulted in a publication which is regarded as a starting point for even more contributions to be made by AMS to the area of atmospheric sciences in the future. Papers and reviews introducing our research results and latest advances of atmospheric sciences will be covered in AMS. Nevertheless, contributions will also be welcomed from foreign scientists on various aspects of atmospheric sciences.

In conclusion, I hope, with our joint efforts, AMS will eventually become an international academic journal that will be commonly welcomed and be highly thought of in the years to come.

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