1st East Asia Winter Climate Outlook Forum

Characteristics of 2013 summer over South Korea

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Temperature



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Annual Variation of Temperature for JJA



Oceanic & Atmospheric Condition



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• Strong convective activity over western pacific

- \rightarrow Enhanced local Hadley cell
- \rightarrow Significantly enhanced WNPSH

V & W Wind Vector (120~130°E)



500hPa GPH & anomaly (July~August)



Heat wave & tropical night

- WNPSH has extended northwestward → The tropical nights and heat wave appeared to continue from July to August.
- Especially, the heat wave and tropical night appeared to late-August over Southern region and Jeju island in South Korea

Tropical night Heat wave (일) 37.6 48 45 37-37 42 39 36 36.5 36.5 33 36 36-35.5 35.5-35 35-34.5 34.5-3 34 34 33.5-33.5 33+ 125 129 129.5 130 125 125.5 126 126.5 127 127.5 127 127.5 128 128.5 128 128.5 129

※ Heat wave: maximum temperature ≥ 33°C
※ Tropical night: minimum temperature ≥ 25°C

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	Heat wave (Ranking)
Central Region	9.7 (14)
Southern Region	24.4 (2)
Jeju Island	17.0 (1)

(Unit: day)

	Tropical night (Ranking)
Central Region	11.9 (2)
Southern Region	18.7 (1)
Jeju Island	52.5 (1)

Annual variations of Tropical night days



Typhoon

- In summer, 13 typhoons happened and 2 typhoons directly affected to South Korea, which was the normal frequency for 1981~2010.
- Most of the typhoons moved to southern China \rightarrow It is due to the northwestward extension of WNPSH



	June	July	August	Total
2013	4 (1)	3	6 (1)	13 (2)
Climatology	(1)	3.6	5.9	11.2
(1981~2010)	(0.3)	(0.8)	(1.1)	(2.2)

Typhoon Track

Precipitation



Precipitation

In July, WNPSH has extended northward → A cold upper level trough passed through over northeast of China → The heavy rainfall occurred over central region of South Korea.
On the otherhand, Southern region and Jeju island have experienced hot conditions and substantial rainfall deficit.



Precipitation over East Asia

July 2013

Total precipitation



Precipitation ratio



Summary

- 1. Summer climate over Korea
- Temperature: above normal (+1.8℃)
- Precipitation: normal (78%)
- The climate feature over South Korea 2013 summer is a warm and normal season.
- 2. Characteristics of the 2013 summer
- \circ In summer, South Korea has experienced abnormally hot weather
 - The tropical night days has shown an upward trend
- \circ The rainy season started from central region because of early extension of WNPSH to northwestward
 - It induced strong spatial gradients of precipitation
 - Record-breaking heat wave and tropical nights appeared during the summer

Thank you~!

