



Southampton, 10th March 2017

Dear Drs Yoneyama and Zhang

On behalf of the CLIVAR Scientific Steering Group (SSG), I am writing to you regarding the request for endorsement of the Years of the Maritime Continent (YMC) research project.

As you are aware, the CLIVAR/IOC-GOOS Indian Ocean Region Panel (IORP), the Monsoons Panel (MP) and the Ocean Model Development Panel (OMDP) have assessed the request for endorsement of YMC, and their comments passed to the CLIVAR SSG for a final decision.

I am pleased to inform you that the CLIVAR SSG has agreed to formally endorse YMC. The International CLIVAR Project Office (ICPO) will add YMC to the list of endorsed projects on CLIVAR's website, and I would like to request that you send to me the correct URL for the project's website. As an endorsed project, YMC PIs will have to submit an annual report of activities, and a template for such reporting will be sent to you in due course.

Finally we look forward to further interaction with YMC in the future and to seeing the fruits of this important scientific activity, as well as wishing the endeavour every success.

Yours sincerely,

Nico Caltabiano
ICPO Acting Executive Director