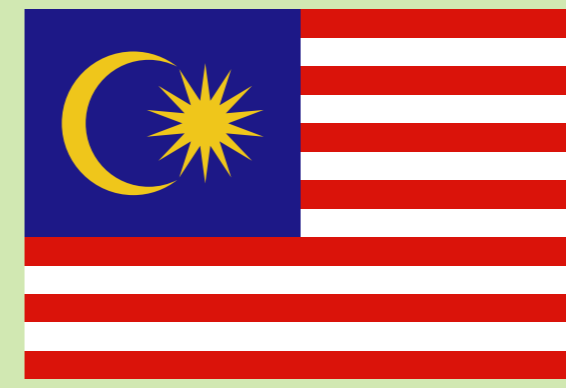


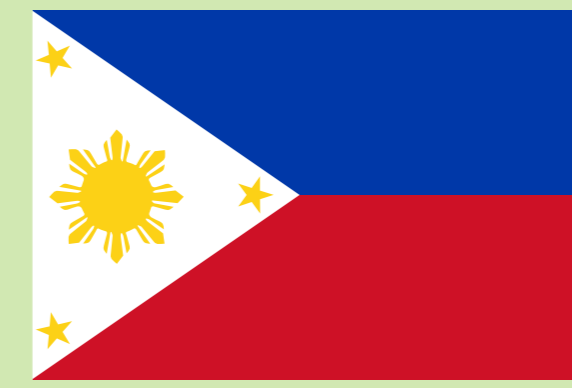
Training weather forecasters in Southeast Asia



High-impact weather events such as tropical cyclones and heavy rainfall events can be devastating to lives and the economy of countries in Southeast Asia.



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The Forecaster training in Southeast Asia (FORTIS) project is delivering training workshops to advance the understanding of tropical meteorology for scientists and operational forecasters in Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia.



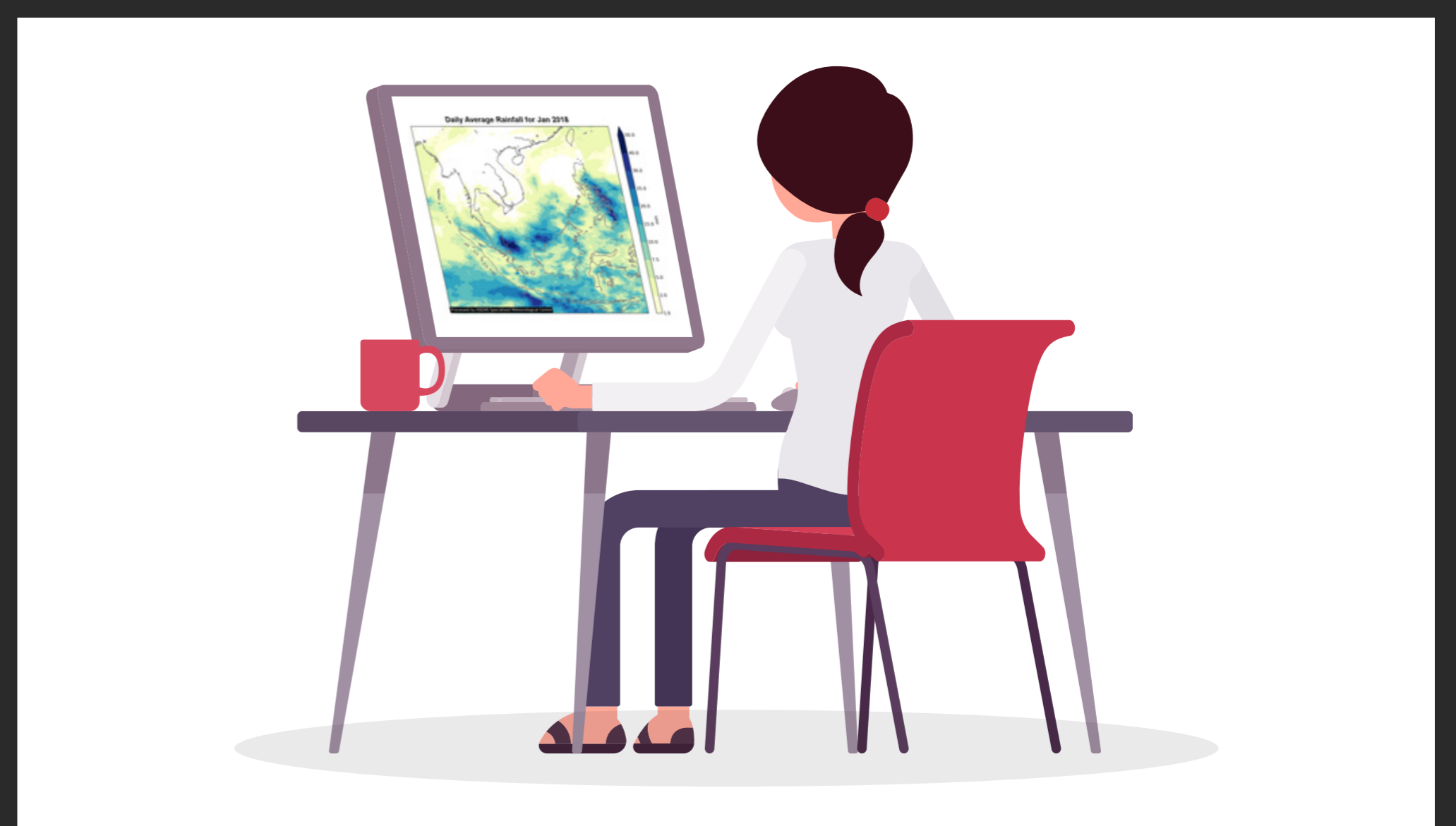
The workshops include theory as well as computer-based practical sessions focused on analysing and forecasting previous cases of high-impact weather.



The courses have received positive feedback from forecasters and scientists with end-of-course questionnaires demonstrating improvements in the level of knowledge.



This improved understanding will help forecasters in the region to better analyse and interpret forecasts and therefore provide earlier and more accurate warnings of high impact weather events. This will allow the public and industries more time to protect themselves and their property.



All the course materials will be shared with each country so they can run their own training events for local weather forecasters to help maximise knowledge exchange and capacity building.

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