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Plain Language Summary: This study performed a historical atmospheric reanalysis from 1850 to 2015, assimilating only surface pressure observations with an atmospheric general circulation model. The reanalysis is called OCADA (Over-Centennial Atmospheric Data Assimilation), and it provides the evolution of the three-dimensional atmosphere and the quantitative information of the uncertainties. Severe weather events that occurred in Japan before World War II were downscaled to the East Asian region using a regional climate model.



Figure 1. Time series of global land surface air temperature anomaly (K) and b) precipitation anomaly (mm/day) compared with CRUTEM ver. 5 and GPCC, respectively. Bottom panels show c) assimilated precipitation (mm/day) of OCADA and those d) downscaled and e) observed on September 20, 1934, influenced by typhoon MUROTO, marked by TC.

- Surface pressure observations in East and Southeast Asia, which are newly archived and used in this study, account for 15 % of the database in the early 20th century.
- OCADA is superior in representing the intensities of observed tropical cyclones in 1979-2015.
- OCADA reproduces several extreme precipitation events in Japan before World War II.