In response to your inquiry concerning the English used in the Journal of the Society, I would like to state the following.

I am in full agreement with you that the articles published in the Journal are of high quality and the Journal enjoys a high international reputation and good circulation. With the growth of the Journal, I also notice a great improvement in the English writing and editing of the Journal.

I believe that the current level of English in the Journal is perfectly acceptable as an international journal. Undoubtedly it is not at the level of those journals from the countries where English is the native language. However, you probably cannot do that unless you maintain a large editorial staff to rewrite most contributions, which means a substantial increase in the printing cost. Given the high scientific quality and good editorial effort of the Journal, the level of English used in the Journal should be deemed satisfactory.

In connection with the publication policy, I would like also to suggest that you publish some non-member articles if the journal volume can be somewhat enlarged. It may be difficult to open the door to the general public; however, the manuscripts of non-members may be communicated through members for consideration. This, as you know, has been done by the Royal Meteorological Society, and I think is a good way to solicit overseas contributions.

Sincerely yours,

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FGGE-全球天気実験 への中国の参加決定

WMO が本年5月1日付で発表した所によると、中国が今般正式に FGGE-全球天気実験 (Global Weather Experiment) に参加することに決まった。中国は、これまで、 ICSU への台湾の加入の故に、GARP には一切参加しないとの態度を保持し続けてきたが、FGGE-全球天気実験は WMO だけが実施の全責任を持ってい

る事業であることを認め、それへの参加・協力にふみきったものである。

中国は、FGGE の特別観測期間中に赤道地帯の風観 測船を出すほか、地上・高層観測網の展開やデータ交換 の面でも大きな寄与をなすものと期待されている。