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**Letter of support for the Years of Maritime Continent (YMC) Project**

Dear Professor Zhang,

We, co-chairs of the WWRP/WCRP Sub-seasonal to Seasonal prediction project (S2S), are pleased to confirm our decision to endorse the proposed Years of Maritime Continent (YMC) Project.

S2S through its sub-project on the Madden Julian Oscillation and the WGNE/MJO Task Force have launched a recent initiative to improve our understanding of the MJO Interactions with the Maritime Continent. This joint project will benefit strongly from the YMC activity, which includes observations and numerical modeling for weather-climate systems over the MC region. In particular, observations collected by the YMC will lead to improvement of the numerical modeling skill, which is the main goal of the S2S/MJO Task Force joint project.

It should also be emphasized that the general thrust of your proposal is highly relevant to the research priorities and work programme outlined in the “Sub-seasonal to seasonal Prediction research implementation plan” [http://www.s2sprediction.net/file/documents\\_reports/S2S\\_Implem\\_plan\\_en.pdf](http://www.s2sprediction.net/file/documents_reports/S2S_Implem_plan_en.pdf), including in particular your proposed activities in prediction and applications, modeling, outreach and capacity building, and data sharing.

We look forward for a close collaboration between YMC and S2S

We wish you all success with your project,

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Robertson', written in a cursive style.

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