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## August and Summer(June-August) 2014 Climate Summary

$\diamond$ The nationwide mean temperature in August 2014 was $23.8{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1.3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ below normal and the nationally-averaged precipitation ( 369.0 mm ) was $138.4 \%$ of normal.

- The mean maximum temperature was the fourth lowest and the number of rainy days was the second highest on record since 1973.

The nationwide mean temperature ( $23.6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) in Summer 2014 was same normal and the nationally-averaged precipitation ( 599.8 mm ) was $83.6 \%$ of normal.
$\square$ Climate features and long-term trends in August(Summer) 2014 were analyzed with the data collected at the 45 meteorological stations throughout Korea (national average) from 1973 to 2014 (1908-2014 for Seoul).
※ Normal : Average value of climatic element data collected from 1981 to 2010

## $\square$ The climatic characteristics in August 2014

o Korea (as a whole),

- The mean temperature $\left(23.8{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$, the mean maximum temperature $\left(27.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ and the mean minimum temperature $\left(20.8{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ were $1.3{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 2.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ below normal, respectively.
- The mean maximum temperature was the fourth lowest on record since 1973.
- The nationally-averaged precipitation was 369.0 mm , which was $138.4 \%$ of normal.
- The number of rainy days was 18.2 , which was 5.0 days more than normal.
- The number of rainy days was the second highest on record since 1973.
- The total number of hours of sunshine was 127.9 , which was $73.6 \%$ of normal.
o Seoul,
- The mean temperature $\left(25.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$, the mean maximum temperature $\left(29.0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ and the mean minimum temperature $\left(22.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ were $0.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ below normal, respectively.
- The amount of precipitation was 172.8 mm , which was $47.4 \%$ of normal.
- The number of rainy days was 16.0 , which was 1.4 days more than normal.
- The total number of hours of sunshine was 150.7 , which was $98.8 \%$ of normal.


## Long-term ${ }^{1)}$ trend in August 2014 climate

o Korea (as a whole),

- The national mean temperatures in August in the 2000s (2001-2010) was $0.4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above that of in the 1970s (1973-1980)
- The nationally-averaged precipitation in August in the 2000s was 58.8 mm more than that of in the 1970s.
- The number of rainy days in August in the 2000s was 2.4 days more than that of in the 1970s.
- The total sunshine hours in August in the 2000s was 30.2 hours less than that of in the 1970s.
o Seoul,
- The mean temperatures in August in the 2000s (2001-2010) was $0.9^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above that of in the 1970s (1971-1980).
- The precipitation in August in the 2000 s was 48.5 mm more than that of in the 1970s.
- The number of rainy days in August in the 2000s was 2.4 days more than that of in the 1970s.
- The total sunshine hours in August in the 2000s was 8.5 hours less than that of in the 1970s.
$\square$ The climatic characteristics in Summer 2014
o Korea (as a whole),
- The mean temperature $\left(23.6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ was same nomal, the mean maximum temperature was $28.1{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \quad 0.3{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ below normal and the mean minimum temperature $\left(20.1{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ was $0.4{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above normal.
- The nationally-averaged precipitation was 599.8 mm , which was $83.6 \%$ of normal.
- The number of rainy days was 43.9 , which was 6.6 days more than normal.
- The total number of hours of sunshine was 482.1 , which was $95.8 \%$ of normal.
o Seoul,
- The mean temperature $\left(24.8{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$, the mean maximum temperature $\left(29.1{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ and the mean minimum temperature $\left(21.6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ were $0.5{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.7{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 0.8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above normal, respectively.
- The amount of precipitation was 478.8 mm , which was $53.7 \%$ of normal.
- The number of rainy days was 39.0 , which was 1.8 days less than normal.
- The total number of hours of sunshine was 508.3 , which was $111.8 \%$ of normal.


## Long-term²) trend of Summer 2014 climate

o Korea (as a whole),

- The national mean temperatures in Summer in the 2000s (2001-2010) was 0.3 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above that of in the 1970s (1973-1980)
- The nationally-averaged precipitation in Summer in the 2000s was 154.2 mm more than that of in the 1970s.
- The number of rainy days in Summer in the 2000 s was 3.3 days more than that of in the 1970s.
- The total sunshine hours in Summer in the 2000 s was 84.3 hours less than that of in the 1970s.
o Seoul,
- The mean temperatures in Summer in the 2000s (2001-2010) was $0.6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above that of in the 1970s (1971-1980).
- The precipitation in Summer in the 2000s was 248.8 mm more than that of in the 1970s.
- The number of rainy days in Summer in the 2000 s was 4.5 days more than that of in the 1970s.
- The total sunshine hours in Summer in the 2000s was 57.9 hours less than that of in the 1970s.


## Appendix 1 Climate features of August 2014 (Nationwide)



Fig 1. Temperatures (mean, mean maximum and mean minimum) and precipitation in South Korea during August (1973-2014).

## The nationwide average value of meteorological element during August (1973-2014)

| Elements <br> (whole country) | August <br> $2014(\mathrm{a})$ | August <br> 2013(b) | Normal of <br> August <br> $(1981-2010)$ <br> (c) | a-b | a-c | Rank since <br> (within 5th) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | 23.8 | 27.3 | 25.1 | -3.5 | -1.3 |  |
| Mean maximum temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 27.7 | 32.3 | 29.8 | -4.6 | -2.1 | the fourth lowest |
| Mean minimum temp. ( $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 20.8 | 23.4 | 21.5 | -2.6 | -0.7 |  |
| Precipitation (mm) | 369.0 | 164.0 | 274.9 | $205.0(282.3 \%)$ | $94.1(138.4 \%)$ |  |
| Days of rain (day) | 18.2 | 10.6 | 13.2 | 7.6 | 5.0 | the second highest |
| Sunshine duration (hour) | 127.9 | 246.3 | 173.7 | $-118.4(51.9 \%)$ | $-45.8(73.6 \%)$ |  |
| Mean cloud amount (1/10) | 7.8 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 2.7 | 1.6 | the second highest |
| Precipitation more than <br> $80 \mathrm{~mm} /$ day(day) | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 |  |
| Days of maximum <br> temperature more than $33{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}($ day $)$ | 1.0 | 13.0 | 5.3 | -12.0 | -4.3 | the fourth lowest |

The nationwide average value of meteorological element during August in each decade (1973-2010)

| Year | Mean <br> temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Mean <br> max. <br> temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Mean <br> min. <br> temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Prep. <br> $(\mathrm{mm})$ | Days of <br> rain (day) | Sunshine <br> duration <br> (hour) | Mean <br> cloud <br> amount <br> $(1 / 10)$ | Precipitation <br> more than <br> 80mm/day <br> (day) | Days of <br> maximum <br> temperature <br> more than <br> $33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}($ day $)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1973-1980(\mathrm{a})$ | 24.8 | 29.5 | 21.0 | 221.6 | 11.7 | 187.1 | 6.1 | 0.5 | 4.1 |
| $1981-1990(\mathrm{~b})$ | 25.3 | 30.1 | 21.5 | 240.2 | 12.1 | 191.8 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 5.6 |
| $1991-2000(\mathrm{c})$ | 24.9 | 29.5 | 21.3 | 303.9 | 13.4 | 172.3 | 6.2 | 0.9 | 4.6 |
| $2001-2010(\mathrm{~d})$ | 25.2 | 29.7 | 21.7 | 280.4 | 14.1 | 156.9 | 6.3 | 0.7 | 5.7 |
| $2014(\mathrm{e})$ | 23.8 | 27.7 | 20.8 | 369.0 | 18.2 | 127.9 | 7.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| d-a | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 58.8 | 2.4 | -30.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.6 |
| d-b | -0.1 | -0.4 | 0.2 | 40.2 | 2.0 | -34.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| d-c | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | -23.5 | 0.7 | -15.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| $\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{d}$ | -1.4 | -2.0 | -0.9 | 88.6 | 4.1 | -29.0 | 1.5 | 0.1 | -4.7 |

## Appendix 2 Climate features of August 2014 (Seoul)



Fig 2. Temperatures (mean, mean maximum and mean minimum) and precipitation in Seoul during August (1908-2014).

## The average value of meteorological element during August in Seoul(1908-2014)

| Elements (Seoul) | August <br> $2014(\mathrm{a})$ | August <br> 2013(b) | Normal of <br> August <br> $(1981-2010)$ <br> (c) | $\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$ | a-c | Rank since <br> 1908 <br> (within 5th) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean temperature $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 25.2 | 27.7 | 25.7 | -2.5 | -0.5 |  |
| Mean maximum temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 29.0 | 31.1 | 29.6 | -2.1 | -0.6 |  |
| Mean minimum temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 22.1 | 24.8 | 22.4 | -2.7 | -0.3 |  |
| Precipitation (mm) | 172.8 | 148.6 | 364.2 | $24.2(116.3 \%)$ | $-191.4(47.4 \%)$ |  |
| Days of rain (day) | 16.0 | 12.0 | 14.6 | 4.0 | 1.4 |  |
| Sunshine duration (hour) | 150.7 | 217.9 | 152.5 | $-67.2(69.2 \%)$ | $-1.8(98.8 \%)$ |  |
| Mean cloud amount (1/10) | 7.1 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 0.9 | 0.7 |  |
| Precipitation more than <br> $80 \mathrm{~mm} /$ day(day) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | -1.2 |  |
| Days of maximum temperature <br> more than $33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}($ day $)$ | 2.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | -2.0 |  |

$\square$ The average value of meteorological element during August in Seoul in each decade (1911-2010)

| Year | Mean temp. ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Mean max. temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Mean min. temp. ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Prep. (mm) | Days of rain (day) | Sunshine duration (hour) | Mean cloud amount (1/10) | Precipitation more than $80 \mathrm{~mm} /$ day (day) | Days of maximum temperature more than $33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (day) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1911-1920(a) | 25.0 | 30.0 | 21.1 | 274.5 | 12.4 | 227.5 | 6.4 | 0.9 | 4.5 |
| 1921-1930 | 25.8 | 31.0 | 21.9 | 275.8 | 13.2 | 218.7 | 6.7 | 1.0 | 8.4 |
| 1931-1940(b) | 25.1 | 30.1 | 21.7 | 239.5 | 15.0 | 186.8 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 6.7 |
| 1941-1949 | 25.6 | 31.2 | 21.8 | 226.7 | 12.6 | 230.8 | 6.5 | 0.7 | 10.0 |
| 1954-1960 | 25.2 | 30.2 | 21.7 | 174.0 | 11.0 | 188.5 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 6.6 |
| 1961-1970 | 25.7 | 29.9 | 22.6 | 276.8 | 14.9 | 145.0 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 3.5 |
| 1971-1980(c) | 24.8 | 29.0 | 21.6 | 311.2 | 13.4 | 136.7 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| 1981-1990 | 25.6 | 29.7 | 22.3 | 293.7 | 14.2 | 167.0 | 6.6 | 0.7 | 4.4 |
| 1991-2000 | 25.7 | 29.8 | 22.4 | 439.1 | 13.9 | 162.3 | 6.3 | 1.7 | 4.3 |
| 2001-2010(d) | 25.7 | 29.5 | 22.6 | 359.7 | 15.8 | 128.2 | 6.4 | 1.1 | 3.2 |
| 2014(e) | 25.2 | 29.0 | 22.1 | 172.8 | 16.0 | 150.7 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| d-a | 0.7 | -0.5 | 1.5 | 85.2 | 3.4 | -99.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -1.3 |
| d-b | 0.6 | -0.6 | 0.9 | 120.2 | 0.8 | -58.6 | -1.1 | 0.6 | -3.5 |
| d-c | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 48.5 | 2.4 | -8.5 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| e-d | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -186.9 | 0.2 | 22.5 | 0.7 | -1.1 | -1.2 |

Appendix 3 Climate features of Summer 2014 (Nationwide)


Fig 3. Temperatures (mean, mean maximum and mean minimum) and precipitation in South Korea during Summer (1973-2014).
$\square$ The nationwide average value of meteorological element during Summer (1973-2014)

| Elements (whole country) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Summer } \\ & \text { 2014(a) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Summer } \\ & \text { 2013(b) } \end{aligned}$ | Normals of Summer $(1981-2010)$ (c) | a-b | a-c | Rank since 1973 (within 5th) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | 23.6 | 25.4 | 23.6 | -1.8 | 0 |  |
| Mean maximum temp. ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | 28.1 | 30.1 | 28.4 | -2.0 | -0.3 |  |
| Mean minimum temp. ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | 20.1 | 21.7 | 19.7 | -1.6 | 0.4 |  |
| Precipitation (mm) | 599.8 | 567.5 | 723.2 | 32.3 (120.3\%) | -123.4 (83.6\%) |  |
| Days of rain (day) | 43.9 | 37.1 | 37.3 | 6.8 | 6.6 |  |
| Sunshine duration (hour) | 482.1 | 586.1 | 503.0 | -104 (82.3\%) | -20.9 (95.8\%) |  |
| Mean cloud amount (1/10) | 7.2 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | the fifth highest |
| Precipitation more than $80 \mathrm{~mm} /$ day (day) | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.7 | -0.4 | -0.9 | the third lowest |
| Days of maximum temperature more than $33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (day) | 6.1 | 18.2 | 9.8 | -12.1 | -3.7 |  |

The nationwide average value of meteorological element during Summer in each decade (1973-2010)

| Year | Mean <br> temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Mean <br> max. <br> temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Mean <br> min. <br> temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Prep. <br> $(\mathrm{mm})$ | Days of <br> rain (day) | Sunshine <br> duration <br> (hour) | Mean <br> cloud <br> amount <br> $(1 / 10)$ | Precipitation <br> more than <br> 80mm/day <br> (day) | Days of <br> maximum <br> temperature <br> more than <br> $33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}($ day $)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1973-1980(\mathrm{a})$ | 23.4 | 28.1 | 19.5 | 616.0 | 36.5 | 538.0 | 6.6 | 1.2 | 8.5 |
| $1981-1990(\mathrm{~b})$ | 23.6 | 28.4 | 19.6 | 689.7 | 36.1 | 542.4 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 9.7 |
| $1991-2000(\mathrm{c})$ | 23.5 | 28.3 | 19.7 | 709.7 | 36.1 | 512.8 | 6.5 | 1.8 | 10.0 |
| $2001-2010(\mathrm{~d})$ | 23.7 | 28.4 | 20.0 | 770.2 | 39.8 | 453.7 | 6.6 | 1.9 | 9.8 |
| $2014(\mathrm{e})$ | 23.6 | 28.1 | 20.1 | 599.8 | 43.9 | 482.1 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 6.1 |
| d-a | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 154.2 | 3.3 | -84.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| d-b | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 80.5 | 3.7 | -88.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| d-c | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 60.5 | 3.7 | -59.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| e-d | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.1 | -170.4 | 4.1 | 28.4 | 0.6 | -1.1 | -3.7 |

Appendix 4 Climate features of Summer 2014 (Seoul)


Fig 4. Temperatures (mean, mean maximum and mean minimum) and precipitation in Seoul during Summer (1908-2014).
The average value of meteorological element during Summer in Seoul(1908-2014)

| Elements (Seoul) | Summer <br> $2014(\mathrm{a})$ | Summer <br> $2013(\mathrm{~b})$ | Normals of <br> Summer <br> $(1981-2010)$ <br> (c) | $\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$ | a-c | Rank since <br> 1908 <br> (within 5th) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | 24.8 | 25.9 | 24.3 | -1.1 | 0.5 |  |
| Mean maximum temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 29.1 | 29.5 | 28.4 | -0.4 | 0.7 |  |
| Mean minimum temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 21.6 | 22.9 | 20.8 | -1.3 | 0.8 |  |
| Precipitation (mm) | 478.8 | 853.1 | 892.1 | $-374.3(56.1 \%)$ | $-413.3(53.7 \%)$ |  |
| Days of rain (day) | 39.0 | 46.0 | 40.8 | -7.0 | -1.8 |  |
| Sunshine duration (hour) | 508.3 | 542.9 | 454.6 | $-34.6(93.6 \%)$ | $53.7(111.8 \%)$ |  |
| Mean cloud amount (1/10) | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 |  |
| Precipitation more than <br> $80 \mathrm{~mm} /$ day(day) | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.6 | -2.0 | -2.6 |  |
| Days of maximum temperature <br> more than $33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}($ day $)$ | 9.0 | 2.0 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 2.4 |  |

## The average value of meteorological element during Summer in Seoul in each decade (1911-2010)

| Year | Mean temp. <br> $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Mean max. temp. $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | Mean min. temp. ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) | Prep. (mm) | Days of rain (day) | Sunshine duration (hour) | Mean <br> cloud <br> amount <br> (1/10) | Precipitation more than 80mm/day (day) | Days of maximum temperature more than $33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (day) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1911-1920(a) | 23.4 | 28.6 | 19.4 | 753.4 | 39.0 | 659.4 | 6.9 | 2.0 | 9.0 |
| 1921-1930 | 23.9 | 29.3 | 19.6 | 851.0 | 38.7 | 646.6 | 7.0 | 2.7 | 12.9 |
| 1931-1940(b) | 23.5 | 28.7 | 19.7 | 740.6 | 41.3 | 590.6 | 7.4 | 1.6 | 11.8 |
| 1941-1949 | 23.7 | 29.3 | 19.6 | 706.9 | 39.9 | 674.9 | 6.9 | 1.6 | 16.3 |
| 1954-1960 | 23.3 | 28.2 | 19.8 | 796.4 | 42.1 | 507.0 | 7.1 | 1.7 | 9.6 |
| 1961-1970 | 23.8 | 28.2 | 20.4 | 857.7 | 44.1 | 452.8 | 7.3 | 2.2 | 6.6 |
| 1971-1980(c) | 23.7 | 28.1 | 20.3 | 732.4 | 39.5 | 423.3 | 7.0 | 1.6 | 5.2 |
| 1981-1990 | 24.0 | 28.3 | 20.5 | 800.4 | 40.3 | 507.2 | 6.8 | 2.1 | 6.3 |
| 1991-2000 | 24.5 | 28.8 | 20.9 | 894.8 | 38.1 | 491.1 | 6.5 | 2.8 | 9.1 |
| 2001-2010(d) | 24.3 | 28.3 | 21.1 | 981.2 | 44.0 | 365.4 | 6.7 | 3.0 | 4.3 |
| 2014(e) | 24.8 | 29.1 | 21.6 | 478.8 | 39.0 | 508.3 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 9.0 |
| d-a | 0.9 | -0.3 | 1.7 | 227.8 | 5.0 | -294.0 | -0.2 | 1.0 | -4.7 |
| d-b | 0.8 | -0.4 | 1.4 | 240.6 | 2.7 | -225.2 | -0.7 | 1.4 | -7.5 |
| d-c | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 248.8 | 4.5 | -57.9 | -0.3 | 1.4 | -0.9 |
| e-d | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 | -502.4 | -5.0 | 142.9 | 0.2 | -3.0 | 4.7 |

## Appendix 5 Meteorological observation network



