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Dear Members of the Astronomical Society of the Republic of China,

Thanks to your warm support and the joint effort of society councilors and officers in past years, the Society has been being in very good operation. The major activity of the Society is the annual meeting, in which the scientific symposium for research presentation and the educational workshop for discussion on various educational issues are two key components.

The annual meeting of our Society has become one of the most important astronomical meetings in Taiwan. In collaboration with Taipei Astronomical Museum (TAM), the Society publishes 'The Journal of Taipei Astronomical Museum (JTAM)' jointly with TAM. The Society also has a working group for astronomical terminology in Chinese. Besides, the Society has been leading the coordination of and being heavily involved in various activities of the 2009 International Year of Astronomy. For updated information of the Society, please visit the Society web site at <http://www.asroc.org.tw/>

The annual meeting next year, ASROC 2010, will be held in Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the end of May. You will receive further notice soon. Currently the Society is also planning to compose a proposal on promoting astronomy research and education in Taiwan. To do that, several meetings will be held to collect opinions from the community. The proposal will be sent to relevant ministries in the government and also to the general public. You are all welcome to attend all the activities.

The new year is coming. On behalf of the Society, I would like to deliver our best wishes to you. Enclosed as a small gift to you are a diary calendar, generously provided by TAM, and some Society stickers.

I wish you all a happy and successful new year!

Sincerely yours,

Hsiang-Kuang Chang
President of ASROC