### Tokyo Climate Center's Activity in Long-range Forecasting Development

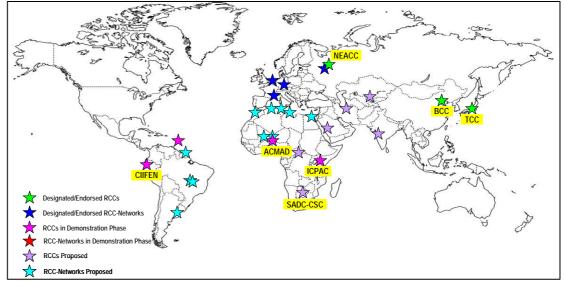
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#### **Tokyo Climate Center (TCC)**

- Established in April 2002 at JMA to support climate services in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Designated as a GPC in 2007 and an RCC (RAII) in 2009.
- Major activities:
  - providing climate data and products to NMHSs through the website,
  - assisting with capacity building at NMHSs.



#### JMA's long-range forecast products

Forecast products	Date of issue	
One-month Ensemble Prediction System (EPS) with Atmospheric Global Circulation Model (AGCM) One-month forecast  Every Friday		
Seasonal Ensemble Prediction System (EPS) with Coupled Global Circulation Model (CGCM)		
Three-month forecast	Around 20th every month	
Cold (DJF) /warm (JJA) season forecast	Around 20th of Feb., Mar. and Apr. (for JJA) Around 20th of Sep. and Oct. (for DJF)	
El Niño Outlook	Around 15th every month	

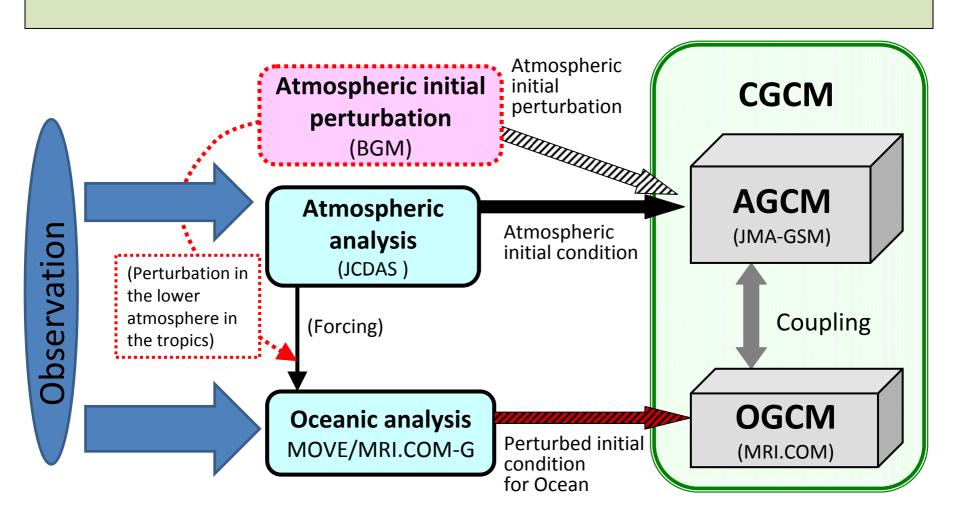
#### These products are provided at TCC website:

http://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/model/index.html

#### **JMA's Seasonal Prediction System**

• Ensemble size: 51 members

Ensemble method: BGM and LAF

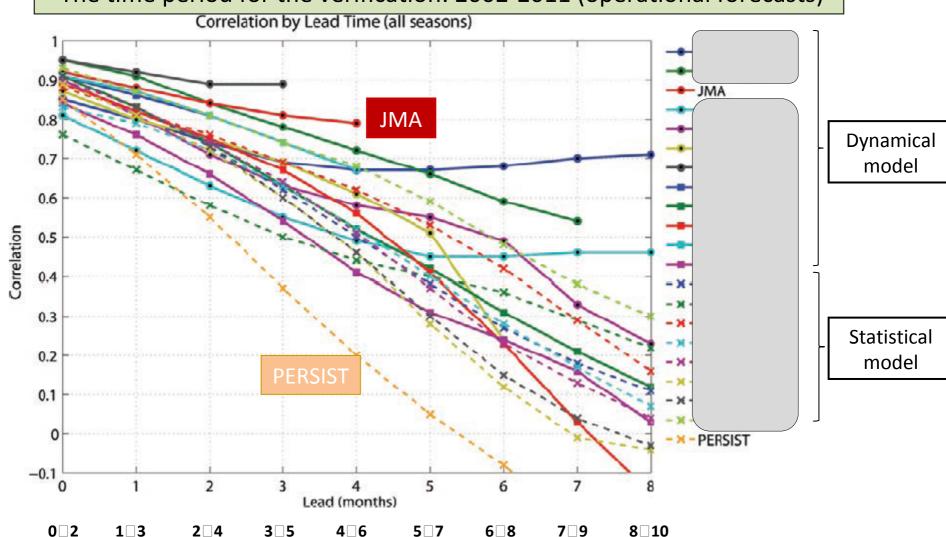


#### Coupled Global Circulation Model (CGCM)

AGCM	JMA/MRI Unified AGCM
	• T <sub>L</sub> 95L40 (horizontal resolution ~ 180km)
OGCM	MRI.COM
	Ishikawa <i>et al</i> . (2005)
	• 75S-75N, 0-360E
	(normal sea-ice conditions in the polar regions)
	<ul> <li>Horizontal resolution (lon: 1 deg, lat: 0.3-1 deg)</li> </ul>
	• Vertical resolution : 50 levels (23 levels in the upper 200m)
Coupler	Coupling interval : 1 hour
	Flux adjustment for heat and momentum flux

#### Prediction skill of CGCM (NINO3.4-SST)

- Verification by Barnston et al. 2012, BAMS, 93, 631-651.
- The time period for the verification: 2002-2011 (operational forecasts)



#### Verification (SVSLRF website)

- Lead Centre for the Long-Range Forecast Verification System
  - Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)
  - Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC)

URL: http://www.bom.gov.au/wmo/lrfvs/

#### **Level1. Region scores**

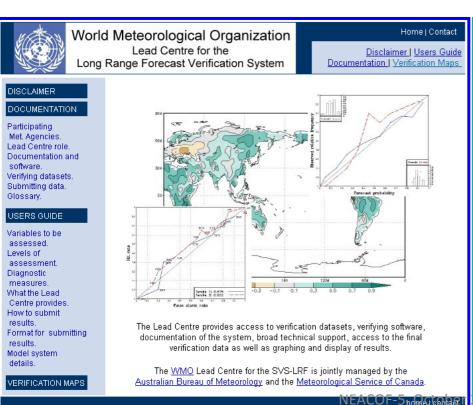
**Exp.: ROC curves** 

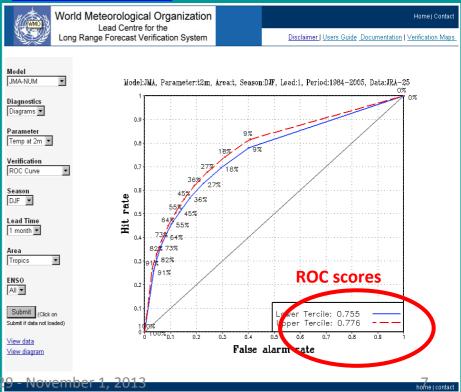
Parameter : T2m

Season : DJF

Lead time: 1 month Area: Tropics

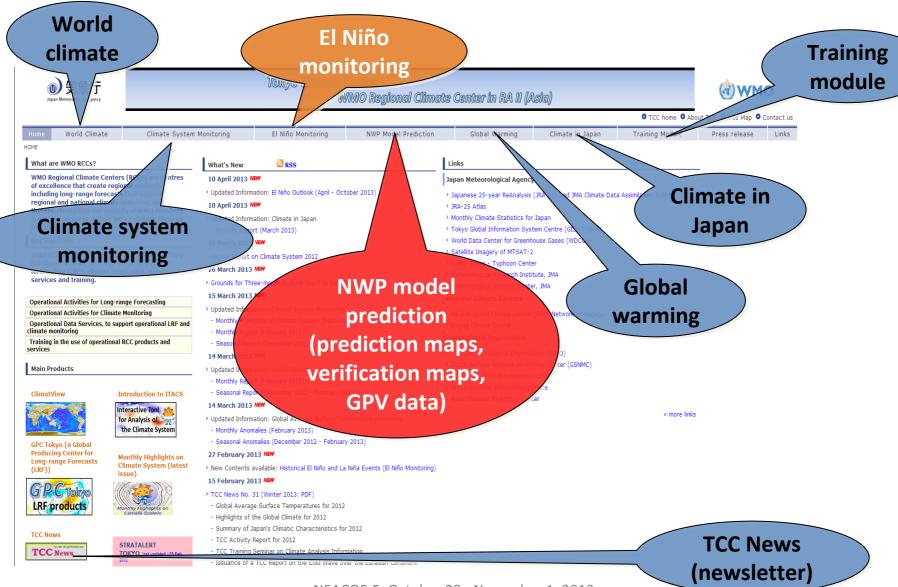
Model: JMA





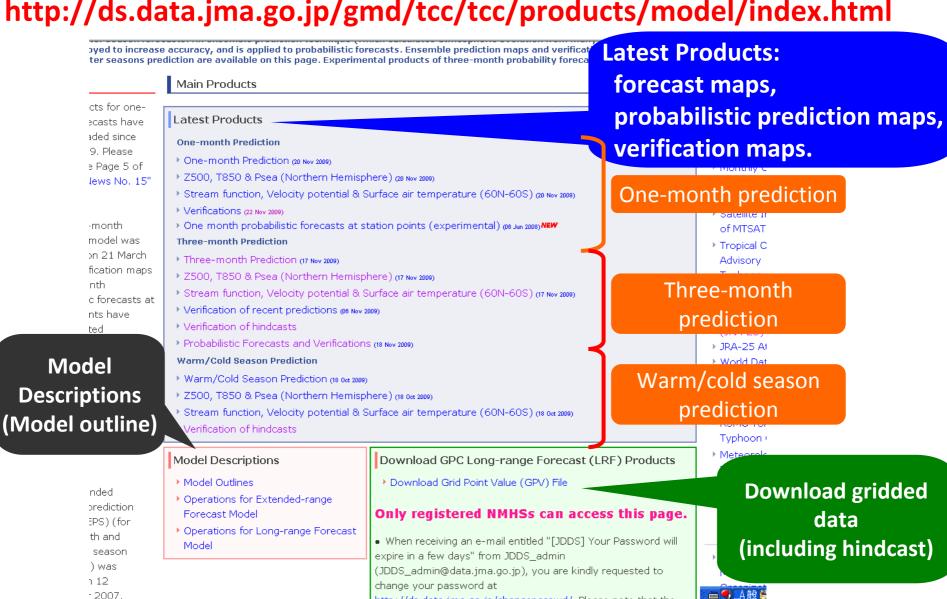
#### TCC website

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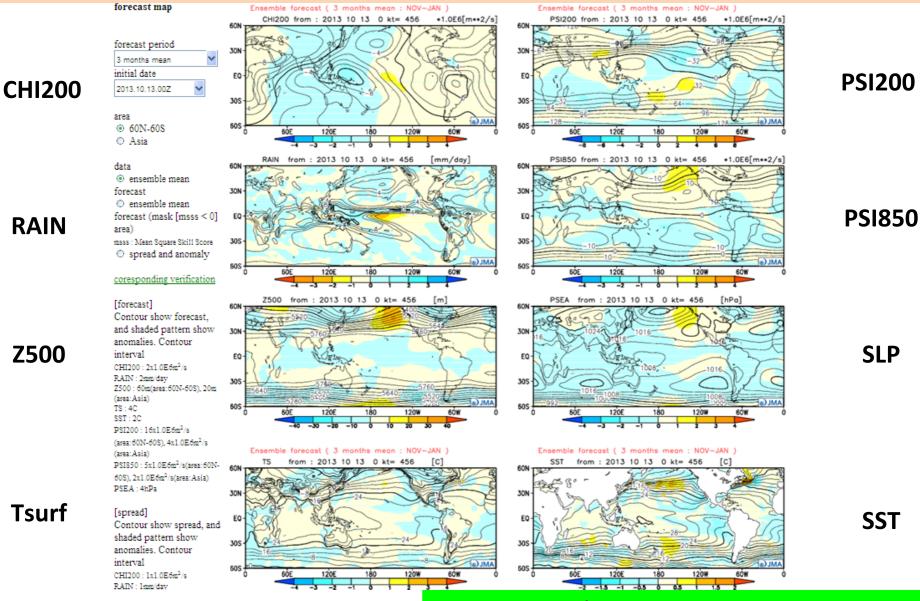
#### NWP model products at the TCC website

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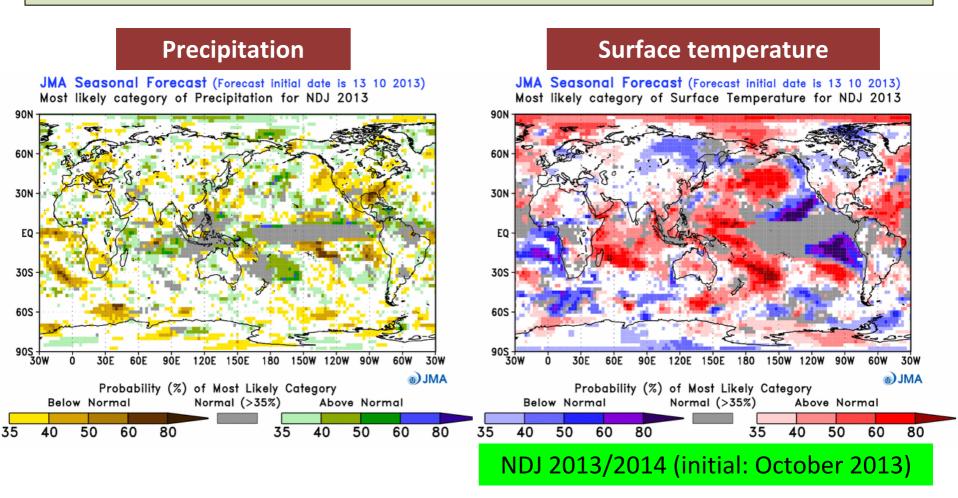
#### Forecast maps (Ensemble mean)



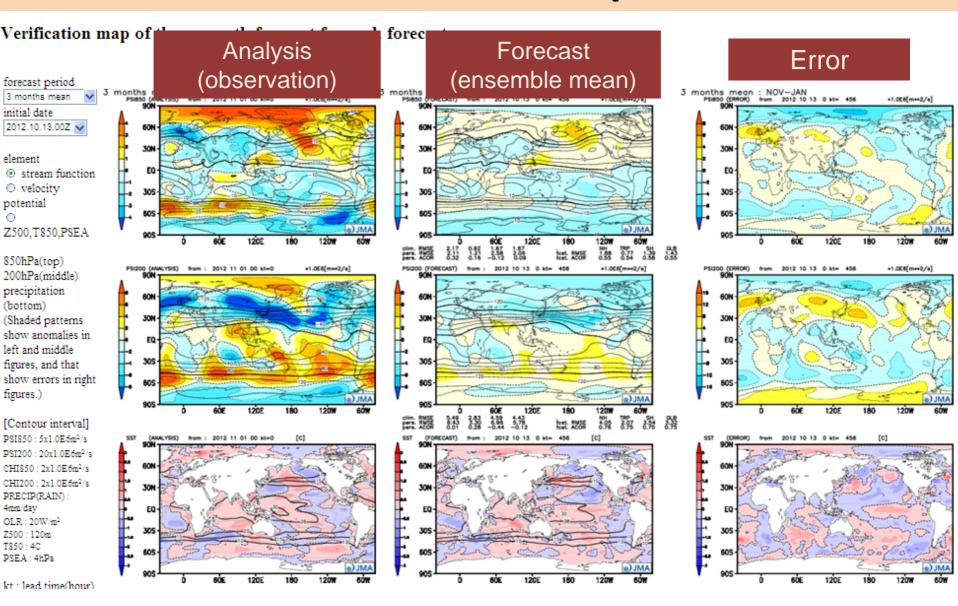
NDJ 2013/2014 (initial: October 2013)

#### **Probabilistic prediction maps**

• These maps show the probability of most likely category (tercile).



#### **Verification maps**



#### **Future plan**

The next version of CGCM are being developed to put it into operation in two years.

- Next version of CGCM
  - AGCM:
  - Higher resolution (TL95L40 -> TL159L60)
  - Improvement of model physics
  - Introduction of stochastic parameterization to improve perturbation for ensemble forecasting
  - OGCM:
  - Widening of target area (75N-75S -> the whole globe)
  - Improvement of model physics
  - Introduction of sea-ice model

### Thank you!

# Supplements (seasonal forecast system)

#### Operational global NWP models at JMA

Prediction model and system	Main target	Horizontal resolution
Global Spectral Model (GSM)	Short-range forecasting	20km Global
Typhoon EPS (TEPS)	Typhoon forecasting	55km Global
One-week EPS (WEPS)	One-week forecasting	60km Global
One-month Ensemble Prediction System (EPS) with Atmospheric Global Circulation Model (AGCM)	<ul><li>Early warning Information on extreme events</li><li>One-month forecasting</li></ul>	110km Global
Seasonal EPS with Coupled Global Circulation Model (CGCM)	<ul><li>Seasonal forecasting</li><li>El Niño outlook</li></ul>	180km Global

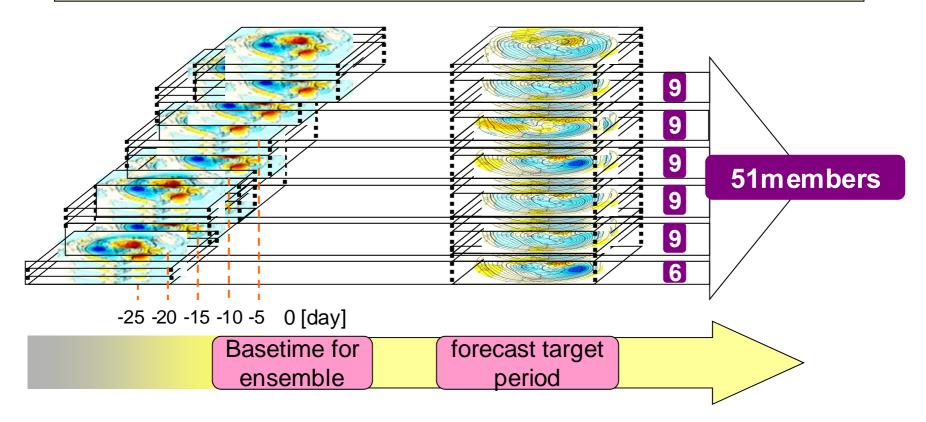
#### **Ensemble prediction system (EPS) for seasonal forecasts**

	One month EDC	Second EDS
One-month EPS		Seasonal EPS
Model AGCM		CGCM
Resolution	Horizontal: approx. 110 km	* Atmospheric component
	(TL159)	Horizontal: approx. 180 km (TL95)
	Vertical: 60 levels (~0.1 hPa)	Vertical: 40 levels (~0.4hPa)
		* Oceanic component
		Horizontal: 1.0º longitude, 0.3–1.0º
		latitude (75°S – 75°N)
		Vertical: 50 levels
Forecast range	Up to 34 days	7-month (initial month of Sep., Oct.,
		Feb., Mar., Apr)
		4 months (other initial month)
SST	Persisted anomaly	Prognostic variable of CGCM
Sea ice	Cli	matology
Ensemble method		Growing Modes (BGM) and Lagged Forecast (LAF)
Ensemble size 50		51
	(25 BGMs & 2 days with 1-	(9 BGMs & 6 days with 5-day LAF)
	day LAF)	, ,
Frequency of operation	Every Wednesday and Thursday	Every 5 days
Frequency of model	Once a week	Once a month
product creation	Every Friday	Around the 20 <sup>th</sup> of every month

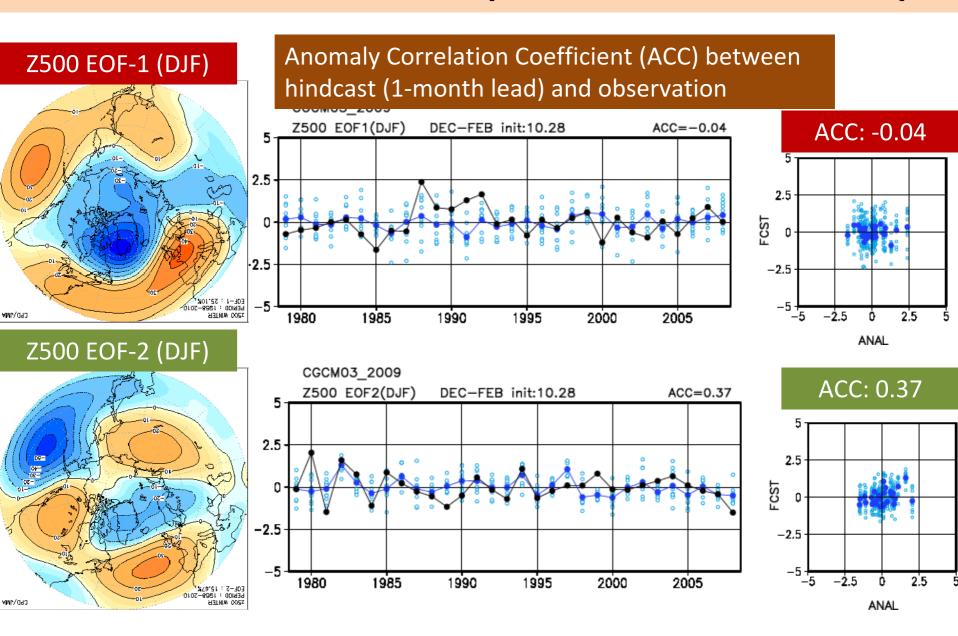
## Schema of aggregation for the ensemble members in the EPS for long-range forecasting of JMA

EPS adopts combination of the initial perturbation method and the Lagged Average Forecasting (LAF) method.

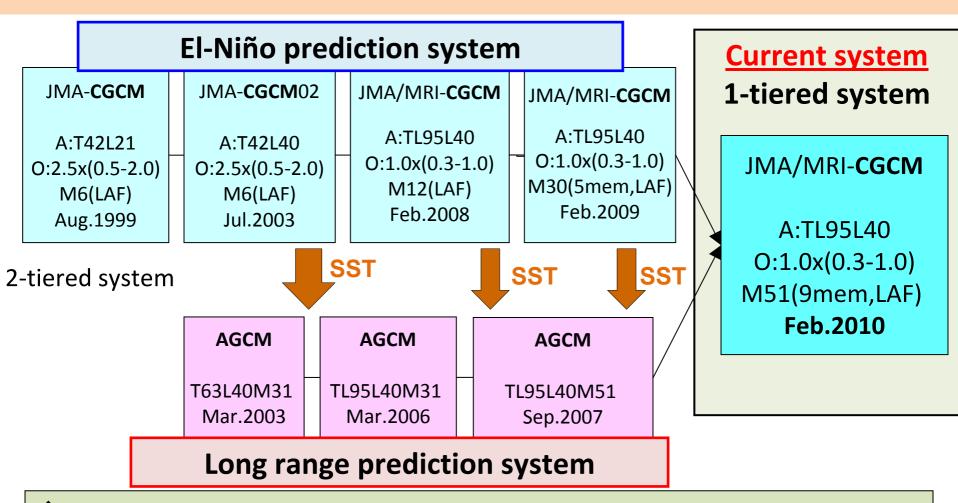
- -to disperse computing resources
- -to get ensemble spread



#### Prediction skill of CGCM (N.H. winter circulation)



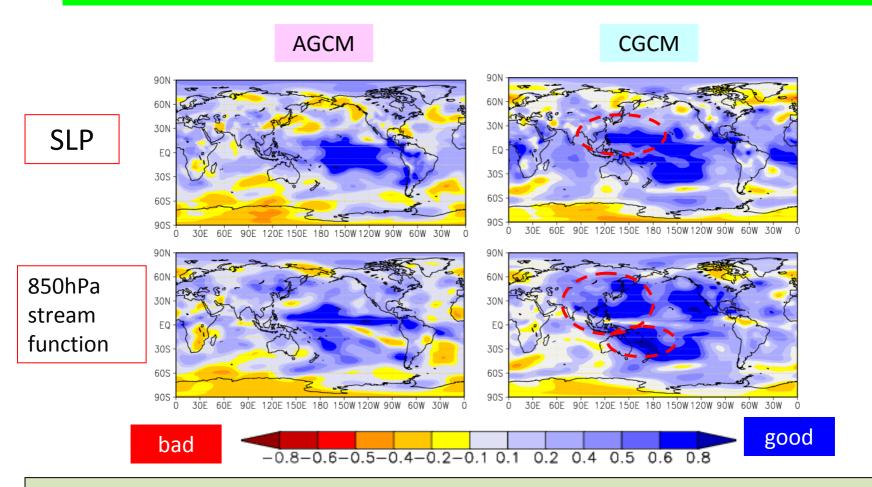
## History of JMA's models for seasonal and El Niño outlook



◆ In 2010, the long range prediction system and the El Niño prediction system (2-tiered system) were combined into the 1-tierd system, and the upgraded CGCM was introduced for Seasonal forecast and El Niño outlook.

#### Improvement of prediction skill by introduction of CGCM

#### **Anomaly Correlation Coefficient (ACC), JJA forecast (initial: February)**

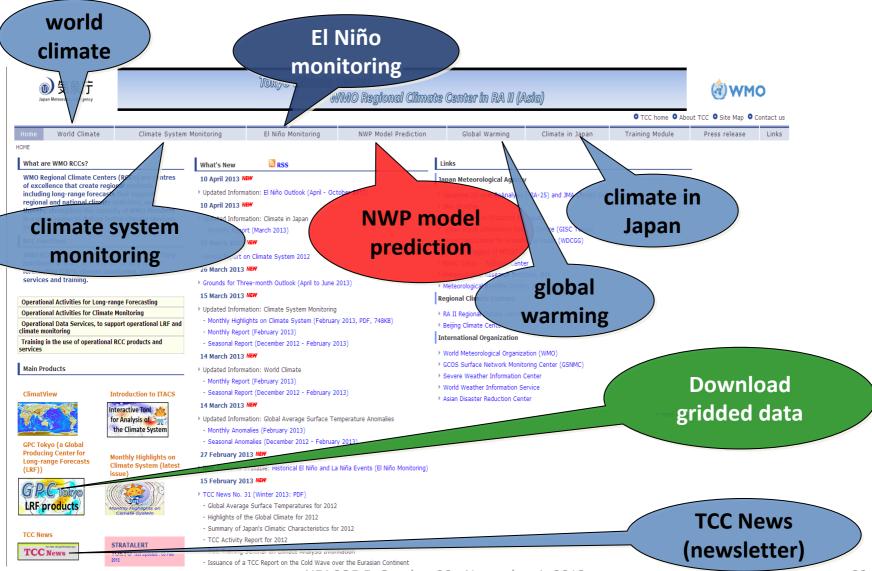


◆ Improvement over Asian monsoon region and around SPCZ

## Supplements (prediction products on TCC website )

#### TCC website

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#### El Niño Monitoring & Outlook

JMA operates the Ocean Data Assimilation System and the El Niño Prediction System (an ocean-atmosphere coupled model) for monitoring and prediction of El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO).

Monthly diagnosis reports, ENSO monitoring products, ENSO indices and El Niño outlooks are available on TCC website.

#### El Niño Outlook

(October 2013 - April 2014)

Last Updated: 10 October 2013

- ENSO neutral conditions continued in the equatorial Pacific.
- It is likely that ENSO neutral conditions will continue in the northern hemisphere autumn and winter.

#### [El Niño / La Niña]

In September 2013, the NINO.3 SST was near normal with a deviation of -0.2°C (Table and Fig.1). SSTs were above normal in the western equatorial Pacific (Fig.2 and Fig.4). Subsurface temperatures were above normal in the western equatorial Pacific (Fig.3 and Fig.5). Easterly winds in the lower troposphere were stronger than normal in the central part (Fig.7 and Fig.8). On the other hand, in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, deviations from normals of SSTs and subsurface ocean temperatures were small. This means that conditions in the northern hemisphere summer, which were similar to those observed during the past La Niña events, became unclear, and ENSO neutral conditions continued in the equatorial Pacific.

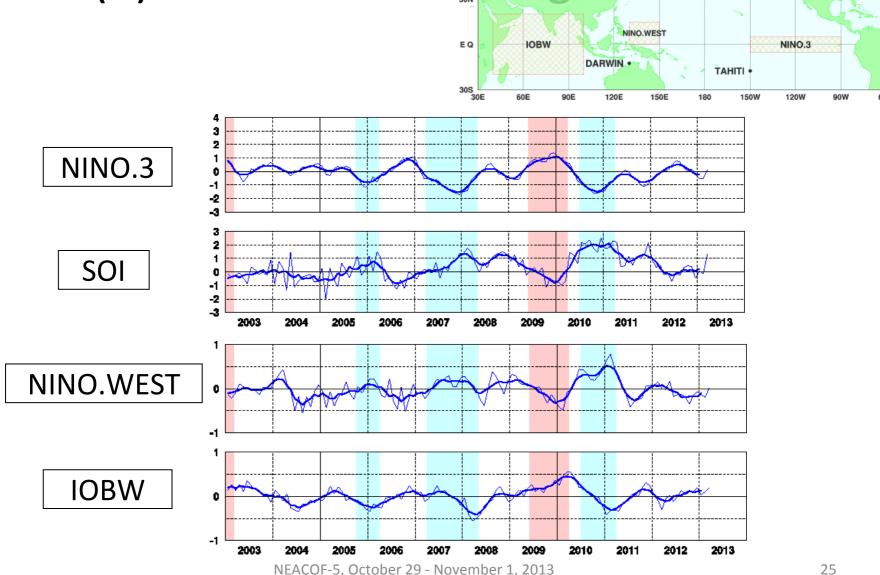
The JMA's El Niño prediction model predicts that the NINO.3 SST will be near normal during the prediction period (Fig.9). Since subsurface ocean temperature anomalies in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific were small, it is considered that SSTs in the eastern part will not be affected significantly in the months ahead by the subsurface ocean conditions. In conclusion, it is likely that ENSO neutral conditions will continue in the northern hemisphere autumn and winter.

[Western Pacific and Indian Ocean]

The area-averaged SST in the tropical western Pacific (NINO.WEST) region was above normal in September (Fig. 1). It is likely that the NINO.WEST SST will come closer to normal in the months ahead, and will be near normal during the northern hemisphere winter (Fig. 10).

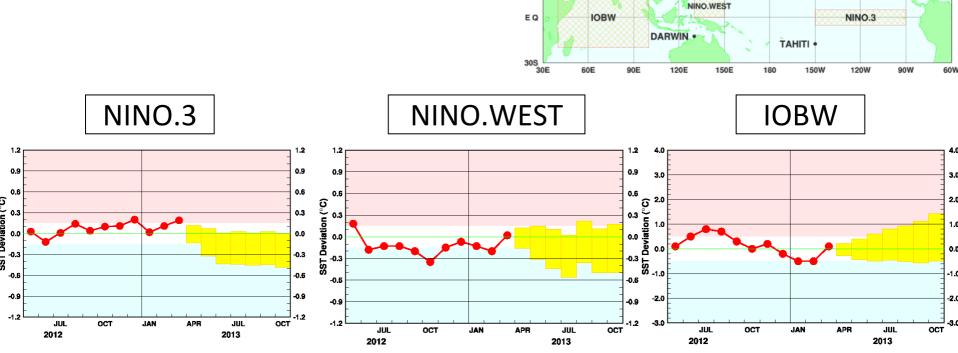
The area-averaged SST in the tropical Indian Ocean (IOBW) region was near normal in September (Fig. 1). It is likely that the IOBW SST will be near normal or below normal during the northern hemisphere autumn and winter (Fig. 11).

El Niño Monitoring & Outlook (2) El Niño Monitoring Indices



#### El Niño Monitoring & Outlook

(3) Model forecast of SST anomalies for Niño regions



#### Products available on TCC website

#### Maps

- Ensemble mean forecast map
- Probabilistic forecast map
- Verification (near real-time, hindcast)
- Gridded data (binary)
  - Operational run
  - Hindcast
    - Ensemble statistics
    - All ensemble members

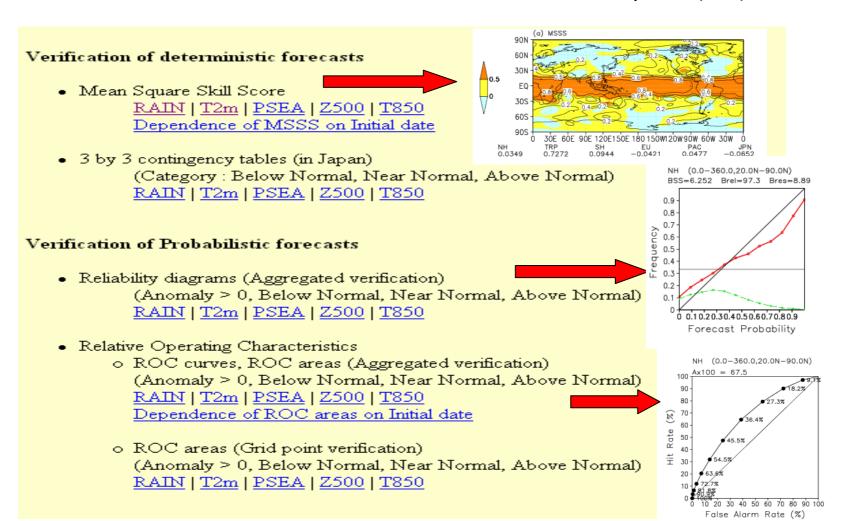
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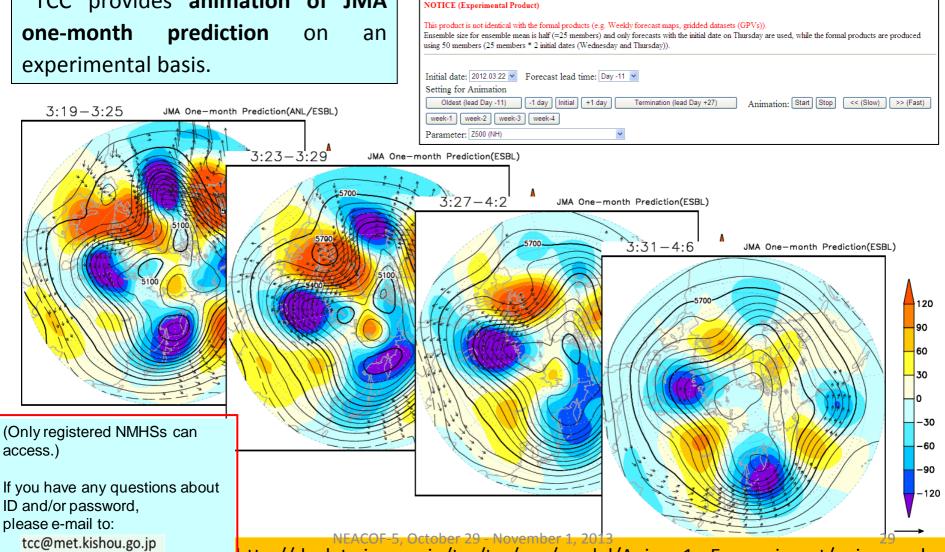
#### Verification of hindcast

Verification of hindcast based on WMO Standard Verification System (SVS)



#### Animation of one-month prediction

TCC provides animation of JMA prediction on an

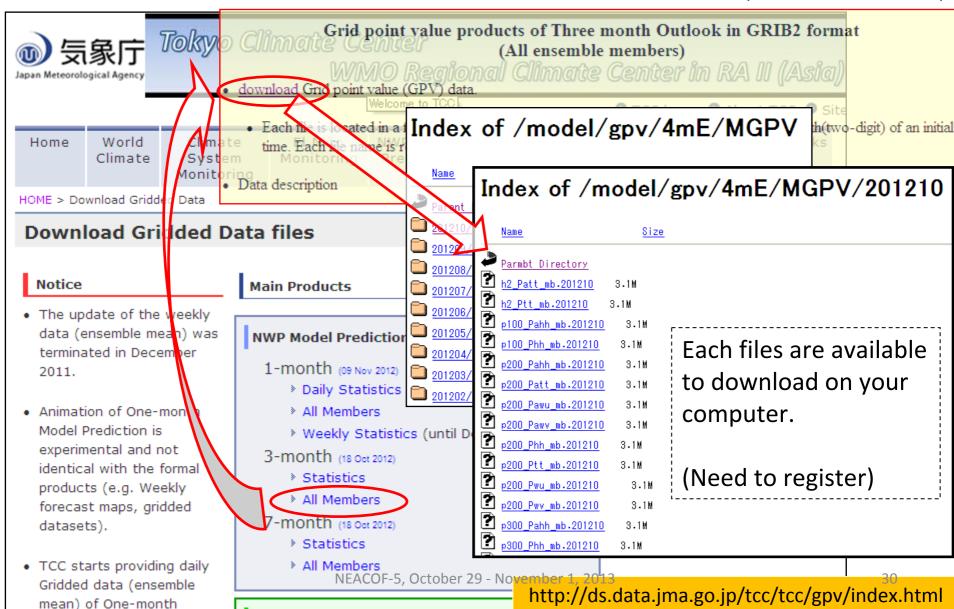


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Animation of the JMA One-month EPS (7-days running mean)

#### Binary gridded data (GPV)

(GPV: Grid Point Value)



#### GPV data of 3-month forecast

Parameters	<ul> <li>◆Ensemble mean: U200,V200,Z500,U850,V850,T850,</li> <li>mean sea level pressure, precipitation, 2m temperature</li> <li>◆ SST used as boundary conditions</li> </ul>
Temporal resolution	1-month and 3-month mean
Spatial coverage and resolution	global, $2.5^{\circ} \times 2.5^{\circ}$
Lead time	<ul> <li>Monthly mean forecast: about 0.5, 1.5, and 2.5 months</li> <li>Three-month mean forecast: about 0.5 month</li> </ul>
Issuance day	Around 20th of every month
Data format	GRIB2
Calibration	Model normals based on hindcast from 1984 to 2005

## GPV data of Cold/warm season forecast

Parameters	<ul> <li>●Ensemble mean: U200,V200,Z500,U850,V850,T850, mean sea level pressure, precipitation, 2m temperature</li> <li>●Ensemble members: Z100,Z200,U200,V200,T200,Z300, Z500,U500,V500,T500,Z850,U850,V850,T850,RH850,Q850, mean sea level pressure, precipitation, 2m temperature</li> <li>●SST used as boundary conditions</li> </ul>	
Temporal resolution	<ul> <li>Ensemble mean: 1-month and 3-month mean</li> <li>Ensemble members: 1-month mean</li> </ul>	
Spatial coverage and resolution	global, 2.5° × 2.5°	
Lead time	<ul> <li>Ensemble mean: between about 1.5 and 3.5 months</li> <li>Ensemble members: between about 0.5 and 5.5 months</li> </ul>	
Issuance day	Around 20th in Sep., Oct., Feb., Mar., and Apr.	
Data format	GRIB2	
Calibration	Model normals based on hindcast from 1984 to 2005 NEACOF-5, October 29 - November 1, 2013	