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**Abstract:**

A numerical modeling system was developed to accurately simulate the deflation of dusts into the atmosphere and subsequent transport in the Asia region. This modeling system is used as part of an early-warning system for the Environmental Protection Administration of the Republic of China for health alert to the public regarding to air quality, as well as to provide lead-time for operations of a field experiment conducted in Taiwan during Spring of 2001. The modeling system consists of three major components: a meteorological module, a dust deflation module, and a transport module. The widely used Fifth-Generation PSU/NCAR Mesoscale Meteorological Model (MM5) is applied to provide regional meteorological fields. The dust deflation module we adopted follows the scheme of Wang et al. (2000), which describes the deflation of dust into the atmosphere in terms of the source type, friction velocity and relative humidity near the surface, as well as the synoptic pattern. Dust transport in the regional scale is calculated using the Taiwan Air Quality Model (TAQM), which was a modified version of the Regional Acid Deposition Model (RADM) developed by the US National Precipitation Assessment Program. In this presentation we discuss the simulations of Asian dust storms occurred during the spring of 2002 and 2003, with particular focus on the events of dust incursion over Taiwan. The general characteristics of all dust incursion events are summarized, including the source locations, transport routes in three dimensions, distribution patterns, traveling time and incursion duration. We found significant differences in these characteristics between the two years, and the main cause of which is a change in regional climate patterns. Two of the events are analyzed in detail to give a complete picture of the three-dimensional transport patterns. The model performance is evaluated against a couple of other operational dust forecast models, and our model is superior in its capability of forecasting for the Taiwan area.

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