

1 **Temporal coherence in particulate matters in East Asian outflow regions: fingerprints of**
2 **ENSO, Asian dust and COVID-19**

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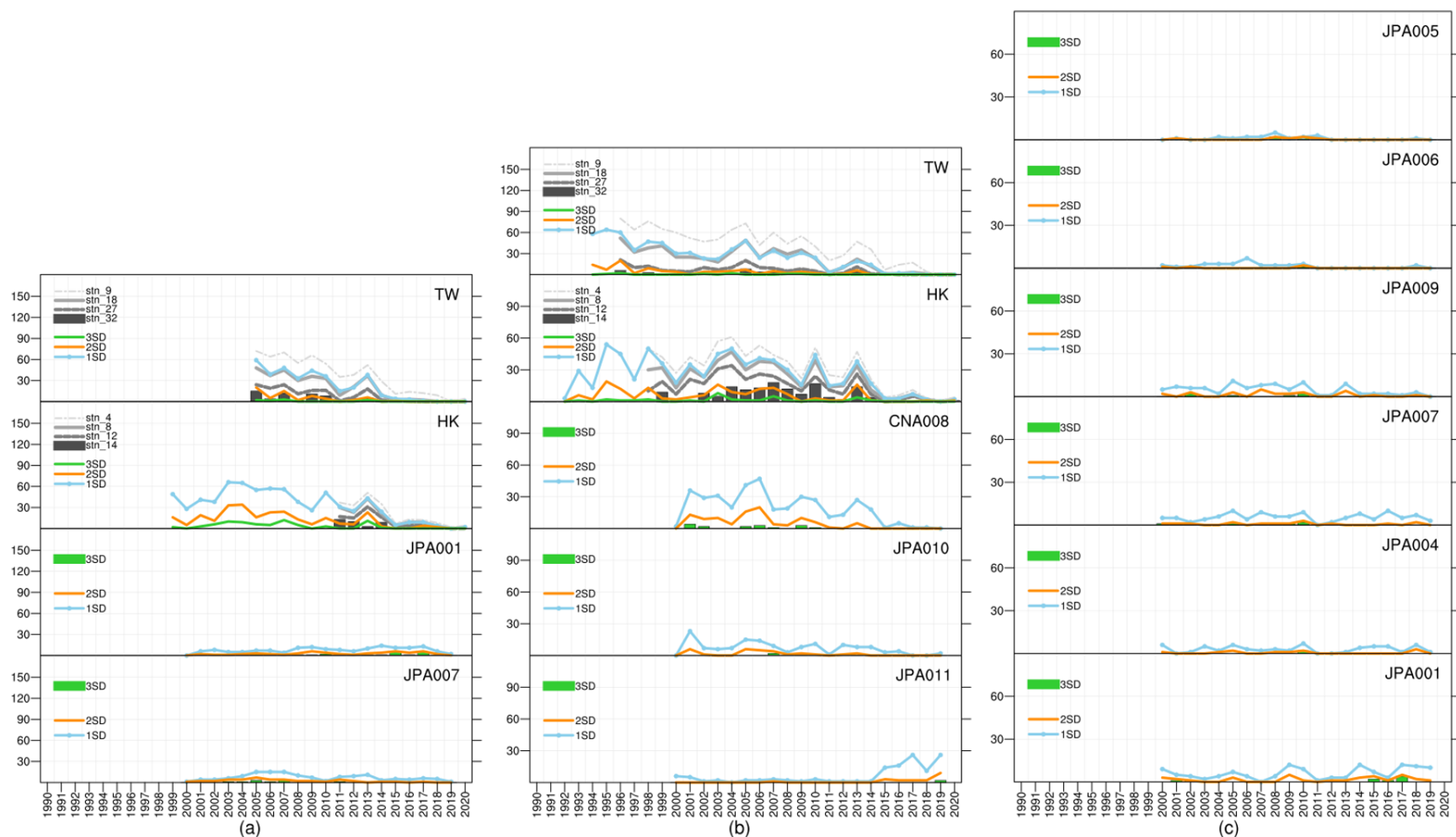
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(A) Standardization and exceedance frequency

Supplementary Table 1 The long-term means (AVG), standard deviations (SD), and 90th percentiles of cold season for each site. *NA* denotes not applicable. To identify potential coherent patterns, a threshold for PM exceedance is determined using one standardized anomaly (1SD). A daily PM level > AVG+(1xSD) meet the 1SD threshold for PM exceedance calculation, and AVG+(2xSD) for the 2SD. The values of 90th percentiles for EANET sites are shown for a comparison.

	PM _{2.5}			PM ₁₀		
	AVG	SD	90th	AVG	SD	90th
TW	32.89	20.67	<i>NA</i>	65.78	37.27	<i>NA</i>
HK	27.84	18.52	<i>NA</i>	48.17	28.86	<i>NA</i>
CNA008	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	56.98	34.50	<i>NA</i>
JPA001	8.08	5.77	15.8	16.61	15.51	34.5
JPA004	9.37	5.83	16.8	22.77	17.85	41.9
JPA005	5.69	4.94	10.8	11.30	11.45	21.7
JPA006	8.64	5.60	15.9	18.89	14.65	29.7
JPA007	12.87	8.01	23.6	28.38	22.22	52.2
JPA009	9.89	6.31	18.4	17.11	14.60	33.1
JPA010	10.38	5.42	19.3	31.02	20.83	54.9
JPA011	6.11	3.76	11.7	13.91	9.38	25.5

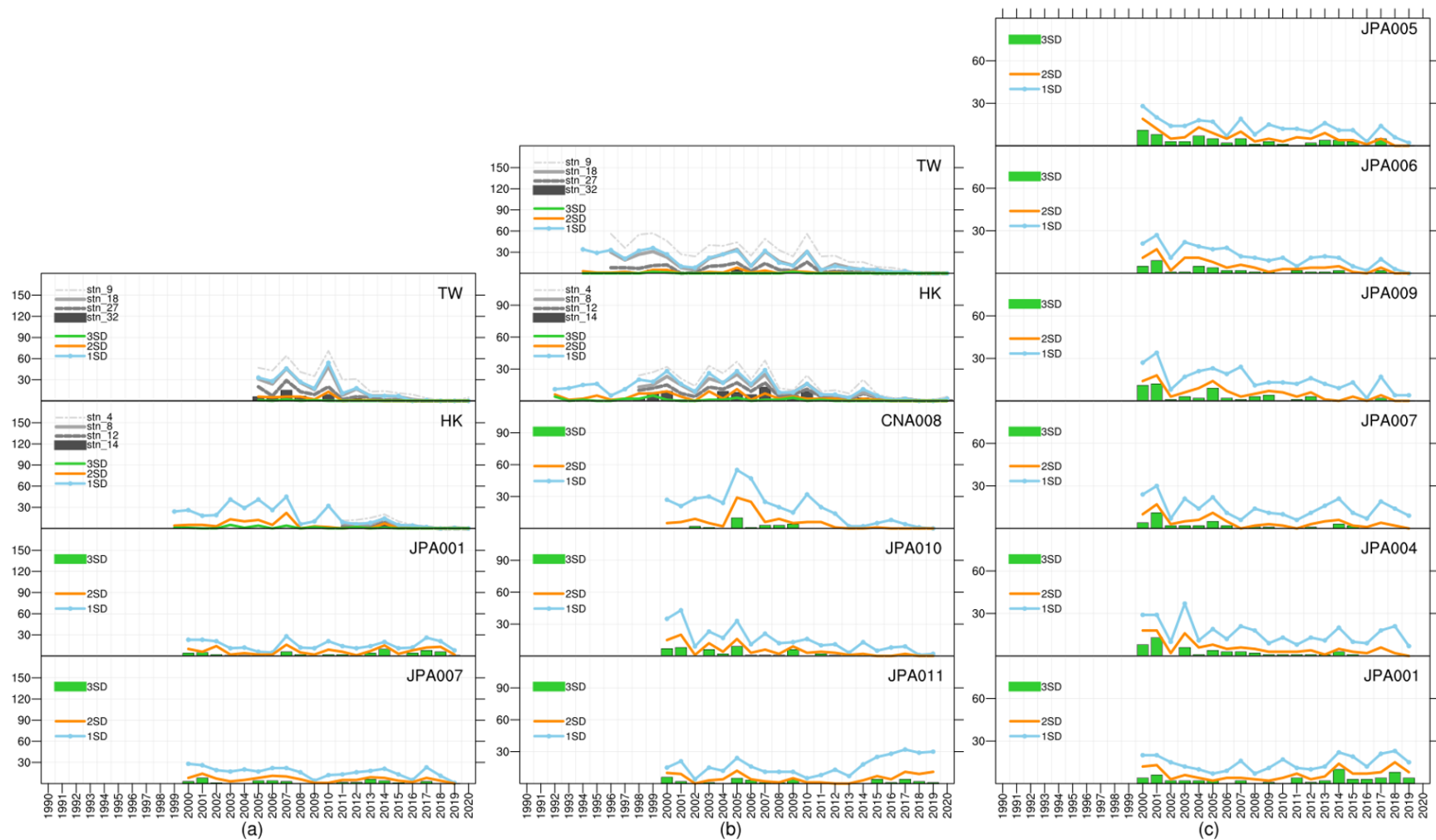


Supplementary Fig. 1. Temporal variations of daily PM exceedance frequencies for winter season. The exceedance frequency of PM_{2.5} (a) and PM₁₀ (b and c) derived from ground-based measurements for winter season (November to January). Y axis is numbers of day, X axis shows the years of the first month in the cold season. Each site has three sets of exceedance frequencies, which employ

one, two, and three standardized anomalies as the thresholds for calculation, and denoted as 1SD, 2SD, and 3SD, respectively. Code names with prefixes JPA and CNA are for Japan and China, respectively. The exceedance frequencies of Taiwan (TW) and Hong Kong (HK) were derived from their respective daily mean values of selected stations. For TW and HK, additional sets of exceedance frequency were derived using the numbers of stations exceeding one standardized anomaly (1SD) as thresholds; the legends with prefix stn followed by a number indicates the number of stations used in the concurrence calculation.

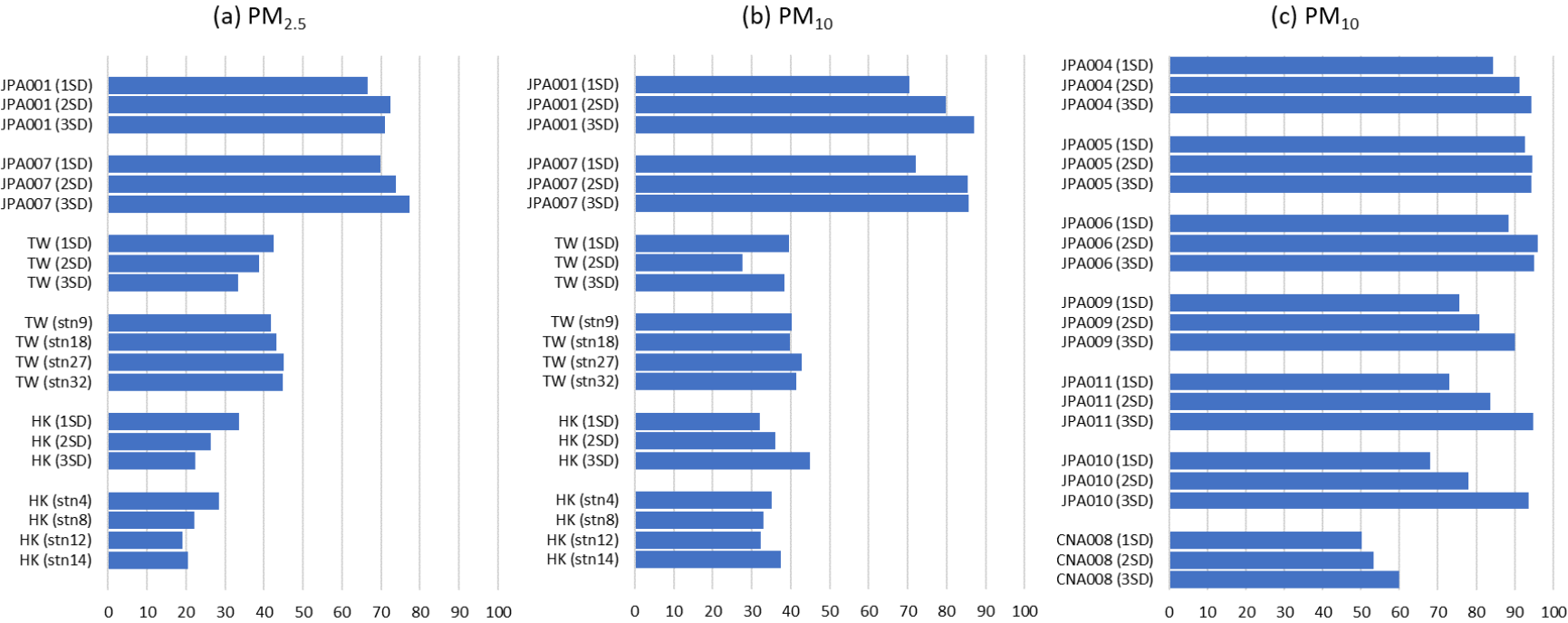
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Supplementary Fig. 2. Temporal variations of daily exceedance frequencies for spring season. The same as in Fig. 1, but for spring season (February to April).

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Supplementary Fig. 3. Contribution of springtime occurrences to the overall in cold season. Spring is from February to April; cold season is November to April.

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(B) ENSO event and proportion of exceedance frequency

Supplementary Table 2 The proportion of occurrence of PM exceedance during El Niño (ONI+) and La Niña (ONI–) events in winter (NDJ) and spring (FMA). The significance (*p-value*) and data availability (expressed as percentage) are also listed.

			PM _{2.5}				PM ₁₀										
			HK	TW	JPA007	JPA001	HK	TW	CNA008	JPA010	JPA011	JPA009	JPA007	JPA006	JPA005	JPA004	JPA001
Proportion of Occurrence (%)	NDJ	ONI –	22.20	13.82	9.73	8.75	19.25	16.61	12.35	5.15	5.44	5.13	2.80	2.02	2.07	2.62	5.82
		ONI +	21.27	18.79	7.04	8.95	17.08	12.73	15.06	4.67	4.10	2.96	1.60	2.64	0.92	1.91	6.88
	FMA	ONI –	12.96	14.24	19.90	18.30	12.48	14.40	19.94	16.67	15.85	16.67	10.95	17.44	19.52	14.72	12.00
		ONI +	8.65	9.78	17.74	15.14	7.85	5.29	12.92	7.25	15.76	14.26	8.83	15.06	14.89	10.67	15.10
Significance	<i>p-value</i>	NDJ	0.685	0.016	0.099	0.906	0.312	0.049	0.173	0.701	0.265	0.049	0.145	0.463	0.115	0.402	0.454
		FMA	0.014	0.015	0.35	0.142	0.007	7E-08	9E-04	4E-07	0.966	0.256	0.231	0.255	0.045	0.033	0.111
Data Availability (%)	NDJ	ONI –	100.00	100.00	81.37	83.39	100.00	100.00	89.29	84.47	97.05	99.84	99.69	99.84	89.91	94.72	88.04
		ONI +	100.00	100.00	97.05	98.91	100.00	100.00	97.98	99.84	98.45	99.53	97.05	100.00	84.16	97.36	99.38
	FMA	ONI –	100.00	100.00	91.68	97.92	100.00	100.00	99.52	99.84	90.88	98.88	87.68	100.00	86.88	98.88	100.00
		ONI +	100.00	100.00	92.15	94.23	100.00	100.00	99.20	97.28	99.68	88.78	94.39	100.00	83.97	97.60	98.72

53 (C) Dust association

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55 In order to establish the connection between specific dates and dust activity, we employed a combination of data from the dust weather visual
56 report, defined by World Meteorological Organization's SYNOP codes, and existing literature. The following procedures were followed:

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58 1. We collected dust weather reports from available weather stations within our studied domain (90°–150°E, 20°–55°N) for the 57 dates of
59 interest, as well as the 5 days prior to each date. The spatial distribution of these stations is shown in supplementary Fig. 4a, denoted with
60 the highest dust code reported on specific station during our studied period.

61 2. The weather stations were then mapped onto a regular 1°x1° grid. We identified the grid cells that contained at least one weather
62 station, marking them as dust cells (supplementary Fig. 4b).

63 3. From the selected dust cells, we processed the dust codes, categorizing them into continental and oceanic groups (supplementary Fig.
64 4c).

65 a. Dusty level for each station: the maximum dust-related code within a day. (Weather codes are reported on 1-h, 3-h, 6-h, or 12-h
66 intervals)

67 b. Dusty level for each cell: the maximum code level found in the available weather station(s) within the target 1°x1° cell.

68 c. Here, the calendar day is based on a UTC offset of UTC+8. For each calendar day, we counted the cell numbers of the dusty levels in
69 each sub-region as an indicator. This indicator serves as a semi-objective complement in determining the occurrence of a dust
70 episode.

71 d. The dust codes used here includes widespread dust in suspension in the air (ww = 06), dust or sand raised by wind (ww = 07), dust
72 or sand whirls (ww = 08), and dust or sand storms (ww = 09, 30–35, 98) at or near the station. Because there are less dust codes
73 reported in the southern oceanic region, we added in two codes: Visibility reduced by smoke, e.g. veldt or forest fires, industrial
74 smoke or volcanic ashes (ww = 04) and Haze (ww = 05).

75 e. These weather codes are described in the WMO Code Table 4677.

76 f. We do not have the weather reports for 2018.

77 4. By analyzing these dust codes, we were able to identify dates that were related to dust events.

78 a. Supplementary Table 3 outlined the result. Find details in the Table caption.

79 b. We have identified 3 types of dates (D_A , D_B , and D_r) that related to dust activities over East Asia, all termed as dust-related in the main
80 text. D_A and D_B are cases with at least 10 dust cells and there were dust cell(s) found over the continental regions on the concurrent
81 dates; D_r are cases with some dust cells on the concurrent dates and during the preceding few days.

82 5. Subsequently, we cross-referenced these dates with previously documented dust events in the available literature.

83 a. All of the literature selected for analysis focused on Asian dust activity and explicitly provided dates for the investigated dust events.

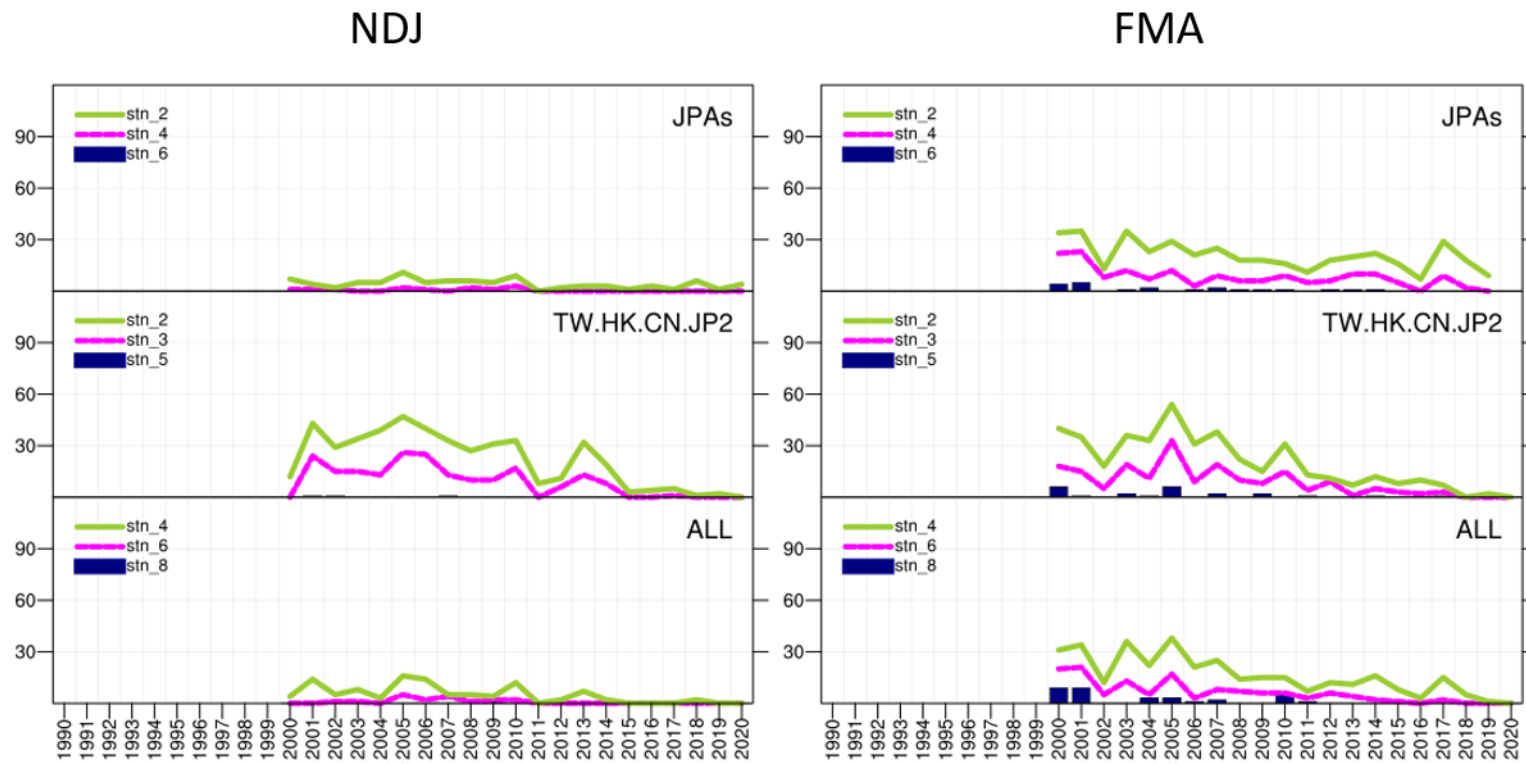
84 b. Each literature source was associated with a concurrent date if the date fell within the specified duration or within one day before or
85 after the given period mentioned in the literature.

86 c. The South Korean monitoring sites were excluded from the concurrent date calculation due to their limited availability of daily data
87 over a short time range. However, it is worth noting that Asian dust events that impacted Japan also generally affected South Korea
88 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] [11, 12, 13].

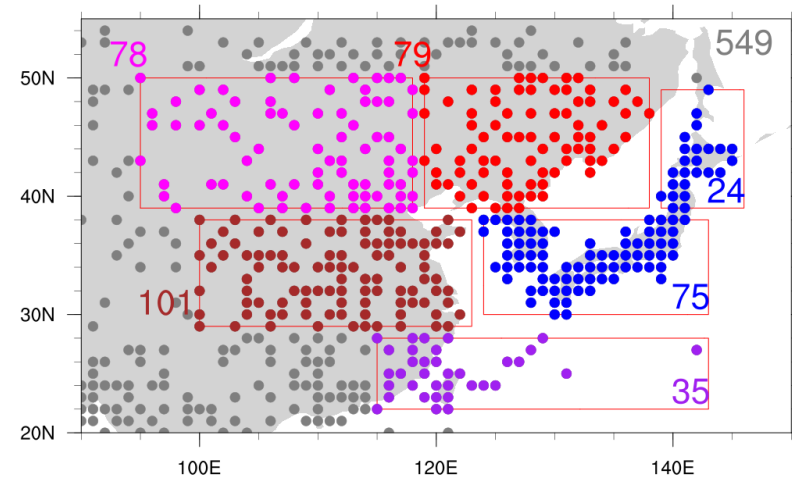
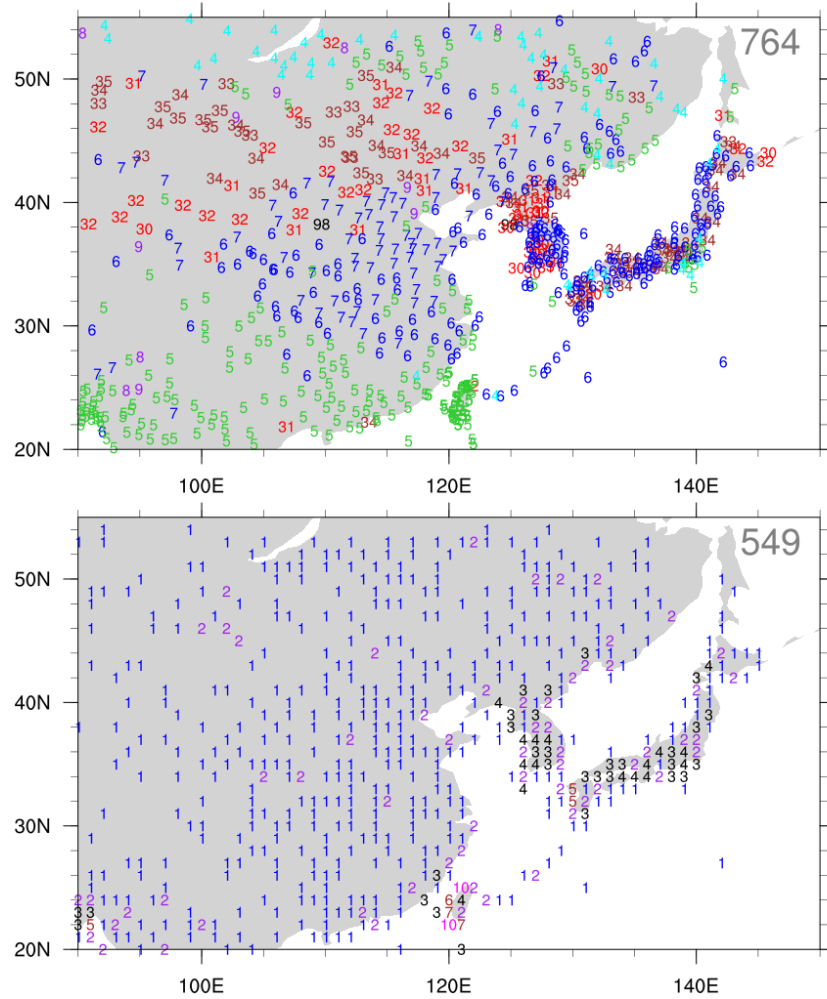
89 d. Not all of the literature we encountered was included in our analysis.

90 e. Some satellite-based images provided by the NASA Earth Observatory were also used as complementary materials.

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92 In total, we have obtained 30 D_A , 10 D_B , and 11 D_r . All 30 D_A can be associated with existing literature. For D_B and D_r , both have 7 dates can
93 be associated with existing literature. As for the rest 5 dates, we were unable to determine the type based on dust codes and literature.



Supplementary Fig. 4 The concurrence of PM₁₀ exceedance across the sites. The numbers of days when multiple sites simultaneously exceeded their respective thresholds in (a) winter and (b) spring. Y axis is numbers of day, X axis shows the years of the first month in the cold season. From the top to bottom, panels are for the northern group (6 sites), southern group (5 sites), and all 11 sites. The legends with prefix stn followed by a number indicates the number of sites used in the concurrence calculation.



Supplementary Fig. 5 The preprocessing of dust cells. (Upper left) Spatial distribution of the weather stations. The number denotes the highest dust code reported on specific station during our studied period; color-coded based on the value. Gray number of 764 indicate the total numbers of stations. (Bottom left) Remapping/reposition of the weather stations onto a

regular grid. The number denote numbers of station in a grid cell, each grid cell is denoted as a dust cell. A number of 1 represents only one station in the specific dust cell, 2 represents there are two stations inside, and so on; color-coded based on the value. Gray number of 549 indicate the numbers of valid dust cell, namely grid cell where at least one station located. (Bottom right) Selected dust cells used for analysis of dust association. The selected dust cells were grouped into 5 sub-regions: 3 continental sub-regions and 2 outflow sub-regions. Numbers with different colors indicate the numbers of dust cell within each sub-region.

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106 **Supplementary Table 3 The result of dust association.** First two columns are for the 57 dates. The columns GS and GN are the counts of
 107 concurrent sites in southern and northern groups; P denotes the defined groups: northern, southern, and broader groups. Within the columns
 108 ‘counts on episode date’ and ‘counts within four preceding days’ outlined the counts of the dust cells that meet the conditions that there are
 109 dust codes reported (meet our dusty level). We do not have the weather reports for 2018. The references outlined here are those explicitly
 110 provided the dates for the investigated dust events; our concurrent dates fell within the specified duration or within one day before or after the
 111 given period mentioned in the literature. Footnotes of the table brief on the source and corresponding dates of satellite-based images provided
 112 by the NASA Earth Observatory.

					Counts on episode date									Counts within four preceding days of the episode date(s)													
					Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Accumulated	References			
					4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	period				
2001	0305	5	1	S	DA	17	17	4	0	10	1	8	0	0													
	0306	4	4	B	DA	10	28	1	4	24	0	10	0	0	53	46	6	13	25	2	38	0	0	3/1-4	[10, 14, 15]		
	0307	5	4	B	DA	10	10	0	8	40	0	3	0	0													
	0320	2	6	B	DA	7	9	1	20	29	1	7	0	0													
	0322	2	6	B	DA	5	22	4	5	31	2	7	2	0	56	19	11	35	40	0	30	0	0	3/16-19 & 3/21	[10, 16]		
	0413	5	5	B	DA	3	8	0	2	3	1	10	0	0													
	0414	5	6	B	DA	5	10	1	12	10	0	7	0	0													
	0415	5	5	B	DB	4	3	1	5	2	1	11	1	0	45	53	18	58	62	1	16	0	0	4/9-12	[1, 5, 10, 11, 14]		
	0416	5	6	B	DB	13	2	1	4	2	0	6	0	0													[15, 17, 18, 19]
	0417	3	5	B	DA	19	12	3	11	0	0	7	0	0													
1127	5	0	S	Dr	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	48	2	0	41	0	8	36	2	0	11/23-26	NA			

116 Supplementary Table 3 (Cont.)

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		Counts on episode date													Counts within four preceding days of the episode date(s)												References	
		Type			Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Accumulated					
					4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	period		
2002	0319	5	5	B	DA	5	4	0	0	11	0	9	3	0														
	0320	4	5	B	DA	6	24	19	0	2	0	7	2	0												[12, 15, 20, 21, 22]		
	0321	3	6	B	DA	6	26	8	8	17	1	6	0	0												[23, 24]		
	0322	2	6	B	DA	7	19	11	10	47	3	5	0	0														
	0401	4	6	B	DA	7	4	0	9	10	0	2	3	0														
	0402	3	5	B	DA	9	2	0	17	9	0	5	3	0												[20, 24]		
	0409	1	6	E	DA	7	21	0	9	37	2	2	0	0														
	0410	2	6	B	DA	6	1	0	14	61	0	4	2	0												[15, 24, 25, 26, 27]		
	0414	3	5	B	DA	5	17	2	13	7	0	5	0	0														
	0415	3	5	B	DA	6	13	0	14	3	0	4	0	0												[21, 24]		
1218	5	0	S	U	9	0	0	8	0	0	5	0	0												12/14-17	NA		
2004	0215	5	2	B	Dr	7	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0												2/11-14	[15, 20, 27, 28]	
	0228	5	0	S	U	3	0	0	5	0	1	11	1	0												2/24-27	NA	
	0312	0	6	E	DA	7	0	1	8	4	6	2	0	0												3/8-11	[26, 29]	
2005	0319	5	0	S	Dr	5	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0													3/15-18	[15, 29]
	0415	4	6	B	DA	6	4	0	13	0	1	8	5	0														
	0416	4	6	B	DA	4	4	1	24	7	1	10	0	0													4/11-14	[28, 30]
	0421	4	4	B	DA	0	2	0	7	13	0	7	0	0													4/17-20	[3]

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					Counts on episode date									Counts within four preceding days of the episode date(s)												References	
					Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Accumulated				
					4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	period				
2006	0316	5	0	S	Dr	10	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	0													
	0317	5	2	B	DB	10	7	1	5	0	0	6	1	0	10	6	1	26	3	1	15	0	0	3/12-15 & 3/18	[8, 14, 17, 28, 29]		
	0319	5	0	S	DB	8	1	0	10	1	1	16	2	0													
	0329	5	4	B	Dr	5	0	0	8	0	0	9	1	0	25	15	2	43	9	5	10	0	0	3/25-28 & 3/30	[8, 14, 28, 29, 31]		
	0331	5	0	S	Dr	7	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0													
	0418	3	5	B	DA	5	1	1	14	13	0	5	0	0	30	17	2	22	5	7	21	0	0	4/14-17 & 4/19-20	[14, 28, 31]		
	0421	5	0	S	DB	5	4	0	1	0	0	7	0	0													
	0425	4	5	B	DA	5	2	0	16	24	0	6	0	0	11	13	1	15	39	6	8	1	0	4/22-24	[8]		
2007	0326	2	6	B	Dr	6	0	1	6	0	4	11	0	0	20	1	0	73	1	9	11	0	0	3/22-25	^a NASA [3/24; 3/31]		
2008	0110	5	2	B	U	14	0	0	16	0	3	8	0	0	69	0	0	77	0	11	29	0	0	1/6-9	NA		
	0303	5	3	B	DA	7	1	0	10	17	0	9	1	0	26	10	3	22	1	4	27	0	0	2/28-3/2	[32]		
	0304	5	1	S	Dr	8	0	0	1	4	0	7	2	0													
	0427	4	4	B	DB	13	3	0	24	0	1	10	0	0													
	0429	0	6	E	DB	10	2	2	24	0	0	5	0	0	71	8	0	77	0	9	32	0	0	4/23-26 & 4/28	[33]		
	0430	0	6	E	DB	10	3	1	35	0	2	5	0	0												^b NASA [4/25,28]	
	1210	0	6	E	Dr	10	0	0	8	0	11	3	0	0	38	4	0	10	4	3	13	0	0	12/6-9	NA		

121 ^{a&b}The NASA images for East Asian dust activities (the URLs and their respective dates, lased accessed on June 8, 2023).

122 ^aNASA [3/24]: Dust storm in Northern China on March 24, 2007 (<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/18175/dust-storm-in-northern-china>).

123 ^aNASA [3/31]: Dust over Eastern China on March 31, 2007 (<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/18217/dust-and-clouds-over-eastern-china>).

124 ^bNASA [4/25]: Dust storm over Eastern China on April 25, 2008 (<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/19841/dust-storm-over-eastern-china>).

125 ^bNASA [4/28]: Dust storm in Eastern China on April 28,2008 (<https://spaceref.com/status-report/nasa-modis-image-of-the-day-april-28-2008-dust-storm-in-eastern-china/>)

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					Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Continent_all			Outflow_north			Outflow_south			Accumulated					
					4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	4-5	6-9	30+	period					
2009	0317	1	6	E	DA	10	5	3	15	29	1	6	0	0	22	4	2	11	9	3	15	0	0	3/13-16	[3, 7, 8]			
	1226	4	4	B	DA	14	0	1	23	16	2	12	1	0	59	4	2	43	0	11	21	0	0	12/22-25	[7, 34, 35, 36]			
2010	0320	1	6	E	DA	8	33	2	28	0	0	8	0	0	35	22	7	49	50	8	33	6	1	3/16-19 & 3/21	[2, 3, 4, 29, 37]			
	0322	5	1	S	DA	10	22	1	2	0	0	16	8	0											[38, 39]			
	0323	5	0	S	DA	6	3	0	4	2	1	6	4	0														
2011	0410	2	6	B	DB	5	1	0	13	0	2	6	0	0	22	7	0	11	0	5	22	0	0	4/6-9	[6]			
2012	0402	5	3	B	Dr	7	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	0	15	4	1	20	0	3	21	1	0	3/29-4/1	[3, 9, 29]			
2013	0416	0	6	E	Dr	9	0	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	36	3	3	9	0	8	11	0	0	4/12-15	^c NASA [4/17]			
2014	0225	1	6	E	U	31	1	0	38	0	2	3	0	0	105	0	0	46	0	5	18	0	0	2/21-24	^d NASA [4/23]			
2015	0218	5	0	S	U	31	0	0	12	0	0	11	0	0	110	1	1	33	0	4	25	0	0	2/14-17	NA			
	0418	1	6	E	DB	10	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	83	17	3	27	3	1	19	0	0	4/12-17	[13]			
2018	0407	5	2	B	D																			[3, 40, 41]				

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^{c&d}The NASA images for East Asian dust activities (the URLs and their respective dates, lased accessed on June 8, 2023).

^cNASA [4/17]: Dust storm in China and Mongolia on April 17, 2013 (<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/80940/dust-storm-in-china-and-mongolia>)

^dNASA [4/23]: Dust wall over northern China on April 23, 2014 (<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/83554/chinas-great-wall-of-dust>)

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