

## **Typhoon Message for RRU and EM Centre's website**

### **Precautionary Measures when Tropical Cyclone Warning Signals are in force**

As Super Typhoon Mangkhut is approaching Hong Kong and may bring adverse weather, the Home Affairs Department wishes to remind the ethnic minority (EM) community the following precautionary measures when the tropical cyclone warning signals are in force issued by the Observatory -

#### **When a Strong Wind Signal No.3 is in force –**

- (a) make sure objects likely to be blown away are securely fastened or taken indoors. Overhanging facilities and temporary structures outdoors should be securely fastened or placed on the ground;
- (b) drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish;
- (c) people in low-lying areas should take precautions against flooding. Stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports;
- (d) listen to radio, watch TV or browse the Observatory's website and mobile app for further information about the tropical cyclone;

#### **When a Gale or Storm Signal No.8 is in force –**

- (e) lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass;
- (f) do not stand near windows on the exposed side of one's home. Make sure that there is a safe place to shelter should windows be broken;
- (g) owners of neon signs should switch off the electricity supply to the signs;
- (h) park the car where it is safe;
- (i) owing to storm surge, low-lying areas may have serious flooding or backflow of seawater. Avoid going to likely affected low-lying areas and stay away from dangerous places;
- (j) avoid staying in the street and return home as soon as possible if conditions

so permit;

When an Increasing Gale or Storm Signal No. 9 and a Hurricane Signal No. 10 are in force –

- (k) stay indoors. If reasonably protected, stay where one is. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose;
- (l) stay away from exposed windows and doors. Make sure there is a safe place to shelter. One should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so;
- (m) people outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over; and
- (n) remain where one is if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions.

2. Residents may also browse the following website of the Observatory for more relevant information –

<http://www.hko.gov.hk/informtc/precaution.htm>

3. We also encourage you to disseminate the above information among the EM community. The EM community is also reminded to pay close attention to the latest information of the tropical cyclone from the Observatory and take precautionary measures.

4. When tropical cyclone warning signal No.8 or above is in force, temporary shelters will be opened as and when needed. A list of temporary shelters is available on Home Affairs Department website at –

[https://www.had.gov.hk/en/public\\_services/emergency\\_services/emergency.htm](https://www.had.gov.hk/en/public_services/emergency_services/emergency.htm)

5. For further information on HAD's emergency relief service when tropical cyclone warning signal No.8 or above is in force, please call our Emergency Hotline at 2835 1473. CHEER Centre's Hotline for interpretation service at 3755 6811/ 3755 6822/ 3755 6833 will continue to operate.

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