

Typhoon Soulik Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Sea Warning Issued for Severe typhoon Soulik – The Public is Urged to Heighten Vigilance

Central Weather Bureau (CWB) issued the sea warning for Typhoon Soulik at 08:30 this morning (July 11), and the Central Emergency Operation Center (CEOC)'s level was raised to level 2. The government has taken every precaution in response to Typhoon Soulik; at the same time, the public is reminded to pay attention to typhoon related information, carry out preparatory work in advance and cooperate with the government's various typhoon response measures.

According to CWB's data, the typhoon's center today at 08:30 is 1,030 kilometers east of Eluanbi, moving west northwest at a speed of 22km/h. Severe typhoon Soulik is well structured and is gradually approaching Taiwan, the Ministry of the Interior (MOI) is requested to inform local municipalities to promptly complete various disaster prevention preparations. In addition, government departments at all levels are reminded that the central region of Taiwan has experienced two earthquakes with magnitude six or above on March 27 and June 2, loose soil after seismic activities are potential disaster areas under heavy rainfall. Furthermore, since the typhoon will impact Taiwan over the weekend, please persuade the public not to enter the mountains through various communication channels and reinforce mountain climber control and dissuasion efforts. In addition, the coastal areas of northeast, east, and southeast Taiwan, Green

Island, Orchid Island and the Hengchun Peninsula are already seeing large waves. Vessels at sea are advised to pay attention to navigation safety, and coastal fishing boats are advised to enter port in advance. The public should stay away from the seashore at this time.

Deputy Commander of CEOC and Deputy Minister of the Interior Hsiao Chia-chi convened the first work meeting at 10:00 today, instructing CWB and National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction to continuously monitor the typhoon's movements and provide the most immediate, accurate intelligence for the reference of local municipalities. In addition, he instructed MOI to urge affiliated civil, police and firefighting bodies to collaborate with local municipalities in preparing for evacuations in advance. Meanwhile, public entering the mountains should be warned and dissuaded. The commander also reminded the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) to keep in close contact with municipalities of flood-prone areas, so as to plan for contingencies and support in advance. Furthermore, various State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) are requested to ready their various disaster prevention preparations.

Since Severe typhoon Soulik is likely to bring about strong winds and heavy rainfall, CEOC urges the public to stay vigilant. As well as paying attention to the latest typhoon news, people should carry out all necessary typhoon disaster prevention work in advance and cooperate with the government's various preventive evacuation measures and restrictions.