

Change in Heading from North-Northwest to North Reduces Threat from Typhoon "Kong-Rey"

According to Central Weather Bureau observations, Typhoon Kong-Rey is current 390 km out at sea southeast of Eluanbi. The typhoon heading is changing from north-northwest to north so its path will deviate east away from Taiwan. Other national weather forecasts are also predicting an eastward correction. The typhoon's threat to Taiwan proper is decreasing though the land warning cannot be ruled out at this time if the typhoon gains in strength. As Typhoon Kong-Rey continues north, rainfall will mainly be concentrated in the central and southern mountains. The CEOC asks the general public to continue pay attention to typhoon information, make the necessary preparations and cooperate with the government's typhoon response measures.

Wang Cheng-teng, the deputy commander of the CEOC, issued the following directions during the second working meeting:

1. Due to the approaching typhoon, long waves are likely along Taiwan's eastern coast, Hengchun Peninsula, Lyudao and Lanyu. Please continue to remind the general public to stay away from the coast in case of accidents.
2. Based on the path of the typhoon, the Directorate General of Highways believes that roads in the following mountain areas are vulnerable to falling rocks: Provincial Highway 23 "Dongfu Highway", Provincial Highway 8 "Central Cross-Island Highway" (Dayulin - Taroko), Provincial Highway 9 "Suhua Highway" (Su'ao - Chongde), Provincial Highway 9 "Beiyi Highway", Southern Cross-Island Highway, Provincial Highway 7A Lishan Branch, Provincial Highway 21, Provincial Highway 24 and Provincial Highway 27. Further disaster prevention and early warning measures will be activated based on meteorological data and actual precipitation.
3. Regardless of whether typhoon land warning is issued tomorrow or not, as the typhoon path and intensity changes, the mountain areas in southwestern, central and southern Taiwan should take precautions against the rain. All units should continue to monitor the latest Central Weather Bureau assessments and make the proper disaster prevention preparations.

4. Six reservoirs in Four counties/cities are now carrying out controlled discharge. The general public downstream of the reservoirs should be notified in a timely manner and attention paid to safety precautions.