

Typhoon Usagi Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Strong Typhoon Usagi Approaches Taiwan – Continued Efforts to Strengthen Various Disaster Prevention Measures

Typhoon Usagi is currently located at sea 350km southeast of Eluanbi, the Category 4 typhoon has a storm radius of 280km. It is moving in a west north-westerly direction at a speed of 19km/h and the storm center has entered the coastal waters southeast of Taiwan. At 00:00 on September 21, the storm radius will make landfall while the wind and rain intensity will also increase significantly, causing threats to Hualien, Taitung, Hengchun Peninsula, Nantou, south of Taichung and Penghu. According to CWB's forecast, extremely heavy rainfall will be expected in Taitung County, Hualien County, Yilan County, Pingtung County, Kaohsiung City and Nantou County, while torrential rain will be expected in New Taipei City, Taoyuan County, Hsinchu County, Miaoli County and Taichung City.

After listening to reports from various departments, Commander and Minister Lee Hung-yuan urged various disaster prevention and rescue organizations to heighten vigilance and implement various disaster prevention readiness measures. He also gave the following instructions:

1. National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction and CWB are requested to monitor the latest intelligence and key protection recommendations.
2. COA has issued yellow alert for 388 debris-flow-prone streams. Please continue to monitor the nighttime rainfall condition. In addition, Council of Indigenous Peoples is requested to notify indigenous villages in eastern and southern Taiwan that if heavy rainfall at nighttime causes potential disaster threats, residents are to shelter in place in relatively safe locations.

3. MOI is requested to maintain contact with local municipalities to monitor disaster situations and provide assistance when needed.