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**Land Warning Issued for Strong Typhoon Usagi - Vice Premier of the Executive Yuan Mao Chi-kuo Instructs Full Alert and Implementation of Disaster Prevention Measures**

Typhoon Usagi is approaching Taiwan with full fury, and CWB has issued the land warning on 08:30 this morning (September 20). Vice Premier of the Executive Yuan Mao Chi-kuo expressed concern about the disaster prevention preparedness of various disaster prevention departments. While inspecting the CEOC, he indicated that Typhoon Usagi is well-structured, therefore various disaster prevention departments must remain vigilant. He also suggested that disaster prevention measures should integrate weather, water and earth parameters to provide comprehensive disaster prevention information for the public, in turn reinforcing the disaster prevention measures.

After listening to the first work meeting, CEOC Commander Lee Hung-yuan indicated that since the typhoon coincides with the Mid-Autumn's Festival long weekend, he instructed various Central disaster prevention departments and local municipalities to ensure the readiness of their disaster prevention measures. At the same time, in response to the Mid-Autumn's Festival homecoming traffic, if road or railroad transportation is closed, it is imperative to notify the public through the media as soon as possible.

According to the latest statistics from CWB, heavy rainfall is forecasted after dark today (September 20) and tomorrow (September 21); the most influential period of typhoon coincides with the spring tide, therefore low-lying and coastal regions should take precaution against flooding and storm surge.

According to CEOC, the typhoon's rainfall is expected to concentrate in Yilan, Taitung, Hualien, Kaohsiung and Pingtung, with rainfall forecasted to reach 1,100mm, therefore local municipalities should complete evacuation and sheltering measures today (September 20) for indigenous townships and areas prone to isolation due to the typhoon disaster.