

Typhoon Fitow Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Moderate Typhoon Fitow Continues West – Public Reminded to Maintain Vigilance

According to CWB's data, at 09:00 on October 6, Typhoon Fitow was located at sea 230km east northeast of Taipei and moving towards the west northwest at a speed of 18~15 km/h. Due to the influence of the storm's circulations, rainfall is concentrated in regions north of Miaoli. As of 09:00 on October 6, cumulative rainfall for Jianshi Township in Hsinchu County has reached 350mm. In the future, Taipei City, New Taipei City, Taoyuan County, Hsinchu County, Miaoli County and Yilan County will be subjected to chances of extremely heavy rainfall. The most significant period of rainfall will be during daytime today (October 6).

After listening to the fourth work meeting at 10:00 on October 6, Commander of CEOC and Minister Lee Hung-yuan indicated that the storm center has reached northern and northeastern Taiwan while wind and rain are still intensifying. CWB and National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction are requested to continue providing the latest and most accurate typhoon intelligence data for local municipalities' reference. Today, rainfall will be concentrated in the mountain regions of northern Taiwan, including Taoyuan, Hsinchu and Miaoli. For the six debris-flow-prone streams put under red alert by the COA in Hsinchu County, MND is requested to provide support in evacuations. Furthermore, MOI is to supervise and ensure the proper implementation of evacuations and monitor the number of evacuated persons. According to weather report data, wind gusts are reported in Tainan and Penghu. Relevant information must be reported to the Tainan City Government and Penghu County Government. If similar conditions occur in Kaohsiung, please also make notification as well. Information concerning the closing of floodgates in Taipei City must be announced to the public so that cars parked in the river area can be relocated.

According to CEOC, COA has issued 6 red alerts and 65 yellow alerts for debris-flow-prone streams. In the future, alert level may be raised depending on the actual rainfall condition, hence the public must cooperate with the evacuation efforts

to avoid danger. In addition, today is the most critical time of the typhoon's influence on Taiwan, and the public is urged to stay indoors in order to prevent unnecessary casualties caused by strong winds.