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Typhoon Fitow Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release  
Cabinet Strategy Group

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## **President Inspects CEOC and Instructs that Effective Disaster Prevention Work Should be Implemented**

President Ma Ying-jeou visited Typhoon Fitow CEOC this afternoon (October 5) at 16:00 accompanied by officials including Premier of the Executive Yuan Jiang Yi-huah and Vice Premier Mao Chi-kuo. President also held a video conference with 4 leaders in Taipei City, New Taipei City, Keelung City and Yilan County to understand various local municipalities' typhoon disaster preparedness.

Currently, moderate typhoon Fitow is roughly located at sea 550km east of Taipei, the Category 4 storm has a storm radius of 250km and Category 5 storm has a storm radius of 80km. It is moving at a speed of 18km/h towards the west north-west. The typhoon is currently at sea northeast of Taipei moving in a west north-westerly direction. The storm center is gradually approaching the sea surface east of Taiwan, causing threats to Keelung, New Taipei City, Taipei and Yilan.

The President reminded various local municipalities that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> typhoon to hit Taiwan this year. Although it is likely that the typhoon will sweep by northern Taiwan, considerable rainfall is expected in the northern regions that will cause disaster to a certain degree. Consequently, the Central Government and local municipalities are requested to ensure the readiness of various disaster prevention and response measures in order to minimize the impact of the typhoon. At the same time, the President also pointed out that everyone should remain vigilant and pay close attention to the typhoon information and rainfall conditions. In particular, people in the Greater Taipei region - which will be most severely affected by the typhoon - should avoid going out unless it is absolutely necessary.

CEOC especially urged that since the typhoon's rainfall will

concentrate in Taipei, New Taipei City, Keelung, Taoyuan, Hsinchu, Miaoli and Yilan, wind and rainfall will intensify after dark, the public is advised to stay indoors and beware of personal safety.