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Typhoon Fitow Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release
Cabinet Strategy Group

**Sea Warning Issued for Moderate Typhoon Fitow
– The Public is Urged to Heighten Vigilance**

Central Weather Bureau (CWB) issued the sea warning for Typhoon Fitow at 23:30 last night (October 4), and the Central Emergency Operation Center (CEOC) was raised to level 2 at 08:30 today (October 5). The first work meeting was convened at 10:30 today. The typhoon is currently at sea 620km east of Taipei and moving in a west north-westerly direction. The storm center is gradually approaching the sea surface east of Taiwan, causing threats to sea surfaces north, northeast and southeast of Taiwan.

After listening to reports from various functional groups during the first work meeting, Deputy Commander of CEOC and Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Du Zi-jun instructed the following:

1. Fishery Radio Station (FRS) is reminded to alert all boats sailing or operating at sea northeast and southeast of Taiwan to remain vigilant and return to port in advance if necessary.
2. According to analysis data, there is a chance for torrential rain or extremely heavy rainfall in

north and northeastern Taiwan. Therefore MOI is requested to notify New Taipei City, Taipei City, Keelung City, Taoyuan County, Hsinchu County and Miaoli County to look out for flooding and slopeland disasters.

3. MOTC is to monitor rainfall condition and precautionary measures should be taken to close disaster-prone roads in northern and northeastern Taiwan if necessary. In addition, information regarding the suspension of ferry services to Green Island and Orchid Island must be announced to the public in advance so as to allow the public to make preparations as early as possible.
4. The typhoon's trajectory is still subject to change, CWB and National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction are requested to continuously monitor the typhoon's movements; if a land warning is issued, MOI is requested to notify various municipalities to establish CEOC in time so as to ready various disaster prevention measures.
5. The typhoon coincides with weekend holiday; MOI is to inform local municipalities to reinforce the public's awareness of the typhoon's movements. Scenic areas and forest recreational areas subsidiary to MOTC and COA must remind the visitors to look after their own safety. In addition, long

waves have been spotted along the coast, the public must be reminded to avoid conducting seaside activities, and fishermen fishing by the seaside should be asked to leave in order to maintain safety.

The CEOC reminds that every precaution should be taken in response to Typhoon Fitow; at the same time, the public is reminded to pay attention to typhoon related information, carry out preparatory work in advance and cooperate with the government' s various typhoon response measures.