

# **Typhoon Fitow Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release**

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## **Typhoon Fitow Approaches - Continued Efforts to Strengthen Various Disaster Prevention Measures**

Typhoon Fitow is currently located on sea surface 440km 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 19km/h towards the west north-west. The storm center has entered the sea surfaces north and northeast of Taiwan, causing threats to regions north of Hsinchu and Yilan. Land alert is issued for Keelung, New Taipei, Taipei, Taoyuan, Hsinchu and Yilan, and rainfall alert has been issued for Miaoli. Torrential rain or extremely heavy rain is forecasted for the Keelung North Coast, mountain regions north of Miaoli and Yilan from tonight (October 5) to tomorrow (October 6). Furthermore, locally torrential rain or extremely heavy rain is expected in the mountain regions of Taichung and Nantou.

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. The main rainfall period is between late tonight and tomorrow morning. CWB and National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction are requested to continue monitoring the rainfall condition.
2. COA has issued yellow alert for 71 debris-flow-prone streams that will possibly escalate to red alert tomorrow. Local municipalities must be prepared to conduct preventive evacuation for households near potential debris flow torrents.
3. MOTC is requested to monitor disaster-prone roads in northern and northeastern mountain regions. Various preventive road closing measures have been activated,

and most of the reservoirs are undergoing flood discharge, please notify residents in the downstream river basins to pay attention to safety.