

Central Emergency Operation Center Typhoon Matmo Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Typhoon Matmo Moving Away from Taiwan The Central Emergency Operation Remains Vigilant

The center of Typhoon Matmo moved out to sea at Changhua early this morning as damage was reported in some areas. At present, the whole of Taiwan remains under the storm circle but it is expected that wind and rain will ease this evening. At 09:00 today (23), Center commander, Minister of the Interior Chen Wei-jen, convened the fourth work meeting together with Dr. Wei, Kuo-Yen, Director of the Environmental Protection Administration and Hsiao Chia-chi, Deputy Minister of the Interior, during which they heard forecasts of the typhoon's future development and reports of damage, after which they instructed all related units to remain on high alert and to pay attention to the following points.

1. The Ministry of the Interior was instructed to continue to supervise the implementation of evacuation work by local governments in places for which red and yellow debris flow alerts have been issued and to mobilize civil affairs, police and fire department disaster reporting personnel to maintain an accurate grasp of the disaster situation.
2. A number of roads have been closed with advance warning across Taiwan and the Transport Engineering Group was requested to continue to announce the latest developments with regards to road opening/closure and suspension/restoration of sea and air transport serves to give the public the information they need as early as possible.
3. The Shelter Group was instructed to continue monitoring shelter provision work in counties and cities where preventive evacuation has taken place and to comfort residents so that they wait until the typhoon has passed before returning home.
4. The Lifelines Group was instructed to continue monitoring repair work by utility companies to ensure that it is carried out swiftly so that people can return to normal life. Reservoirs that are releasing flood water or releasing water to regulate water levels should continue to effectively carry out monitoring and downstream emergency reporting work.
5. Most counties and cities across Taiwan have suspended work and school today. The News Announcement Group was instructed to continue to request the media to call on the public to stay indoors during the typhoon to avoid accidents.