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Central Emergency Operation Center Typhoon Matmo Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Sea Warning Issued for Typhoon Matmo

The Public Asked to be Vigilant

The Central Weather Bureau (CWB) issued a sea warning for Typhoon Matmo at 17:30 today (July 21), following which the Central Emergency Operation Center (Level 2) was immediately established; at 20:00 the deputy commander of the Center, Deputy Minister of the Interior Chen Chwen-jing (Jonathan Chen,) convened the first work meeting.

According to the CWB, if the path of the typhoon does not change there is a strong possibility that Matmo will be the first typhoon of the year to strike main island Taiwan directly. The CWB expects to issue a typhoon sea and land warning early tomorrow morning. The deputy commander issued the following instruction for this stage of typhoon preparation work:

1. He requested that the Information Assessment Group, CWB and National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR) continue to monitor the development of the typhoon and accurately grasp its path, and also provide accurate forecasting information to local governments as reference for planning response measures and deciding whether to suspend work and school.
2. He requested the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Animal Husbandry Group to advise aqua culture businesses in coastal areas to take the necessary precaution and for ships passing through or working in the warning area to take shelter in port in advance and to arrange shelter for fishermen when required.
3. The public were requested to stay away from mountain areas and avoid water activities on the coast during the period the typhoon's effects are felt.
4. The CWB expects to issue a typhoon sea and land warning in the early morning of tomorrow (July 22); the Ministry of the Interior was requested to instruct county and city governments to establish disaster response centers after the warnings are issued in accordance with regulations, and to effectively carry out disaster prevention work in advance.
5. The Internet Information Group was instructed to ensure that disaster prevention and rescue communications equipment is working properly and to continually update the information on in the special area on the typhoon website so that the public can keep abreast of developments.

The Central Emergency Operation Center calls on everyone to take the potential threat posed by Typhoon Matmo seriously, to pay attention to typhoon information to carry out appropriate preparatory work and to cooperate with the government response measures.