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**Land Warning Issued For Typhoon Fung-Wong:  
Vice Premier Mao and Minister Chen Wei-zen Order the Typhoon's  
Movement to be Closely Monitored and for Typhoon Disaster Precautions to be  
Taken**

Typhoon Fung-wong is heading closer to Taiwan and the Central Weather Bureau (CWB) has issued sea and land warnings. Vice Premier Mao Chi-kuo is concerned about typhoon disaster preparation situation and paid a visit to the Central Emergency Operation Center on the evening of September 19<sup>th</sup>. After hearing the first work report, he said that this typhoon's route is uncertain and it is one of the few to be hard to forecast seen in recent years. No matter if it veers west or keeps on its current path all units should continue to monitor it closely and carry out the necessary disaster prevention preparations and also advance warnings of flooding and debris flows should be issued to protect the lives of people and their property.

Central Emergency Operation Center commander, Minister of the Interior Chen Wei-zen, gave the following instructions regarding disaster prevention preparation work:

1. The MOEA was requested to remind local governments to take precautions against flooding in low-lying areas, ensure that pumps are operating properly and actively dispatch and put pumps in place in advance.
2. The rainfall brought by this typhoon will probably be concentrated in the east and south of Taiwan and he requested the Transport Engineering Group to pay attention to the mountain road situation and to close roads preventively depending on rainfall. He also asked for equipment and repair personnel preparations to be strengthened for roads and bridges that are typhoon damage prone.
3. With respect to residents in potential debris flow areas, the Council of Agriculture (COA) was asked to effectively carry out preventive evacuation preparation and shelter provision work in accordance with the rainfall situation.
4. The Support and Dispatch Group was asked to complete the advanced placement of military personnel in areas at risk of disaster in key areas for this typhoon and assist local government with disaster response work when required.
5. The MOEA and MOI were requested to keep in close contact with Kaohsiung City Government and ensure that typhoon precautions are taken on the disaster affected area work sites and provide support to response work if needed.
6. The MOI was requested to notify the cities/counties that are on alert to establish emergency operation centers in accordance with the regulations; disaster situation checking and reporting personnel should remain vigilant and, if major disaster situation or large number of casualties occur, to immediately report it, and also to pass on the various forecast data reported by the Central Emergency Operation Center and instruction to their senior officials.

The CWB said that the Pingdong area is in the land warning area at present and people should be on their guard and take precautions against strong winds and heavy rain. The sea warning area includes the Bashi Channel, Dongsha Atoll sea area, the south of the Taiwan Straits and southeast Taiwan sea area. Ships passing through or working in these areas should be on guard. Affected by peripheral air currents there is a chance of partial heavy rain in the southeast of Taiwan and on the Hengchun Peninsula today (19); coastal areas around Taiwan are seeing strong wind gusts and large

waves are being seen in coastal areas on the Hengchun Peninsula, east Taiwan and the southwest so people should stay away from the seashore.

The Central Emergency Operation Center pointed out that the typhoon coincides with a weekend and called on the public to take typhoon precautions and to avoid going into the mountains or to the seashore. National parks and scenic areas and forest recreation areas should also strengthen safety protection and encourage visitors to leave mountain areas.

The National Science & Technology Center for Disaster Reduction said that CWB weather data indicates that Typhoon Fung-wong's storm circle will begin to affect main island Taiwan's land area from tomorrow (20), with the main affect felt on Saturday and Sunday. From the weather data of various countries, it can be judged that the path of the typhoon might change and a move west to strike Taiwan directly can't be ruled out, which means people should pay attention to the latest CWB weather information and take the necessary precautions.

Through the Agricultural Industry Radio Station, the Council of Agriculture has notified ships operating in the Bashi Strait, Dongsha Atoll sea area and in coastal waters around Taiwan to quickly return to port or move away from the path of the typhoon.