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Central Emergency Operations Center Typhoon Fung-Wong Press Release

Cabinet Strategy Group

Storm Circle Will Make Landfall after Dark The Public Advised to Stay Indoors

Weak typhoon Typhoon Fung-wong was at 20.0 degrees north latitude and 120.0 east longitude at 17:00 today (20), that is, around 230 kilometers SSW of Eluanbi. The radius of the Force 7 storm circle is 150 kilometers and it is moving north at 16 kmh turning 20 kmh. It is expected to speed up and it is projected that the Force 7 storm circle will hit land at 19:00.

After the storm circle reaches land, after dark the wind and rain will intensify. The Water Resources Agency, COA has issued 349 yellow debris flow warnings for Taitung, Hualien, Pingtung and Kaohsiung, the four counties and cities that will see extremely torrential rain or torrential rain.

With respect to the gravel ship that was drifting about one nautical mile off Jialeshui in Pingtung County, the Maritime and Port Bureau, MOTC, the Coast Guard Administration (CGA) and the Environmental Protection Administration have established a response team and are keeping abreast of the ship's situation at all times. A CGA helicopter inspection has shown that the ship is unmanned and there are no signs of pollution at present. The ship has no hatch covers and the cargo hold is taking on water. At present the waves large are too large to attempt to salvage the ship. The EPA has an oil containment boom and other emergency response equipment in place at the Coastal Patrol Corp base at Nanren Fishing harbor for use as required.

The Maritime and Port Bureau is continuing to try to identify the ship's owner and has requested the coastal radio station to continue to broadcast the position the ship is anchored (north latitude 22.02 degrees, east longitude 120.54 degrees), and call on vessels to avoid sailing through this area to avoid a collision.

The Central Emergency Operations Center reminds the public to remain vigilant as Typhoon Fung-wong strikes and to pay attention to the latest typhoon information, take the necessary preparations in good time and cooperate with the government's response measures.