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Typhoon Jelawat Central Emergency Operation Center Press Release
Cabinet Strategy Group

Sea Warning Issued for Strong Typhoon Jelawat
The Public Asked to be on Guard

The Central Weather Bureau (CWB) issued a sea warning for Typhoon Jelawat today (Sep. 27) at 2:30am and the Central Emergency Operation Center (CEOC) was established at Level 2. The government is taking the threat posed by Jelawat seriously and asks the public to keep abreast of the latest typhoon information, take precautions in advance and cooperate with the government's response measures.

CWB data showed that at 8:30am on September 27, the center of the typhoon was over the sea around 480 kilometers to the east-southeast of Eluanbi, moving northwest turning north-northwest at 13 kmh. Affected by Jelawat's peripheral air currents, today the north, northeast, the east and southeast of Taiwan have a chance of heavy or very heavy rain in places. Particularly in mountain areas, people should be on guard against landslides, rock falls, mudflows and swollen rivers; also, the northeast, east, southeast of Taiwan, Green Island, Orchid Island and the coastal areas of the Hengchun Peninsula are seeing large waves; ships at sea should pay attention to safety, inshore fishing boats should quickly return to harbor and the public should stay away from mountain areas and the seashore.

At the first work report meeting the Deputy Commander of the CEOC, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) Chief Secretary, Chou Tsao-shan, instructed that the CWB and the National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction continue to monitor the typhoon's development and provide timely and accurate information to local governments; she also instructed the Minister of Interior to urge its subsidiary civil and police administration and the fire prevention system to cooperate with local government to carry out preventive evacuation when necessary and discourage people from going into the mountains. The deputy commander reminded the MOEA to keep in close contact with the local governments in areas prone to flooding, plan support measures in advance and to request related state businesses to carry out various typhoon disaster prevention preparations effectively. Also, in preparation for the increase in the number of people travelling home at Mid-Autumn Festival, she requested that the Ministry of Transport and Communications formulate advance plans and accompanying measures for transport in east Taiwan.

With Jelawat likely to bring strong winds and heavy rain, the CEOC called on people not to take its threat lightly and, apart from keeping abreast of the latest typhoon situation, said that people should take precautions and cooperate with the government's preventive evacuation and control measures.