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## **Land Warning Issued for Typhoon Talim for Penghu and Kinmen Premier Chen and Vice-Premier Jiang Express Concern**

To acquire an understanding of Typhoon Talim's latest situation and related preparations, Premier Sean Chen and Vice-premier Jiang Yi-hua made an inspection visit to the Central Emergency Operation Center at 8pm on June 19<sup>th</sup> and, after hearing the 4<sup>th</sup> Typhoon Talim work report, said that evacuation work must be carried out effectively and related units should assist local government carry out forced evacuation when it is deemed necessary to evacuate residents from at-risk areas.

Vice-premier Jiang said that Talim is a fast-moving typhoon and the Central Weather Bureau estimates that Taiwan will be free of its effects by Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>, however, it is bringing substantial rainfall, with rainfall in the mountain areas of central and southern Taiwan expected to be 1000-1500mm. In particular, following the June 10<sup>th</sup> heavy rains, the soil in many mountain areas is saturated, consequently, related departments need to continue to remind local governments of the need for vigilance.

Vice-premier Jiang pointed out that Typhoon Talim is the first typhoon this year that both land and sea warnings have been issued for and he said he was comforted by the early response of the central and local governments, however, this is only the beginning and there is much work that needs attention; especially tomorrow, when wind and rain will intensify, the disaster situation must be grasped quickly and related checking must follow standard operating procedures; water pump deployment by the Ministry of Economic Affairs must be swift and flexible.

The Central Weather Bureau issued a land warning for Typhoon Talim for Kinmen and Penghu at 8:30pm on June 19<sup>th</sup>; Premier Chen expressed his concern and called on people to keep away from high-risk area and to keep a close watch on the typhoon situation.

The Central Emergency Operation Center said that checks with local government show that, up to the present, there have been no reports of death or injury as a result of the typhoon. The Central Weather Bureau has issued a land warning for Typhoon Talim for Kinmen and Penghu and a land warning will soon be issued for central and southern Taiwan. The Center will keep in contact with local disaster response centers and raise its level to level one when necessary.

The Central Emergency Operation Center pointed out that local government should strengthen efforts to persuade residents of Dabang (Tabangu) village, Chiayi County and Dawu village Wutai Township, Pingtung County who haven't evacuated to leave and to carry out forced evacuation of the villages if necessary.